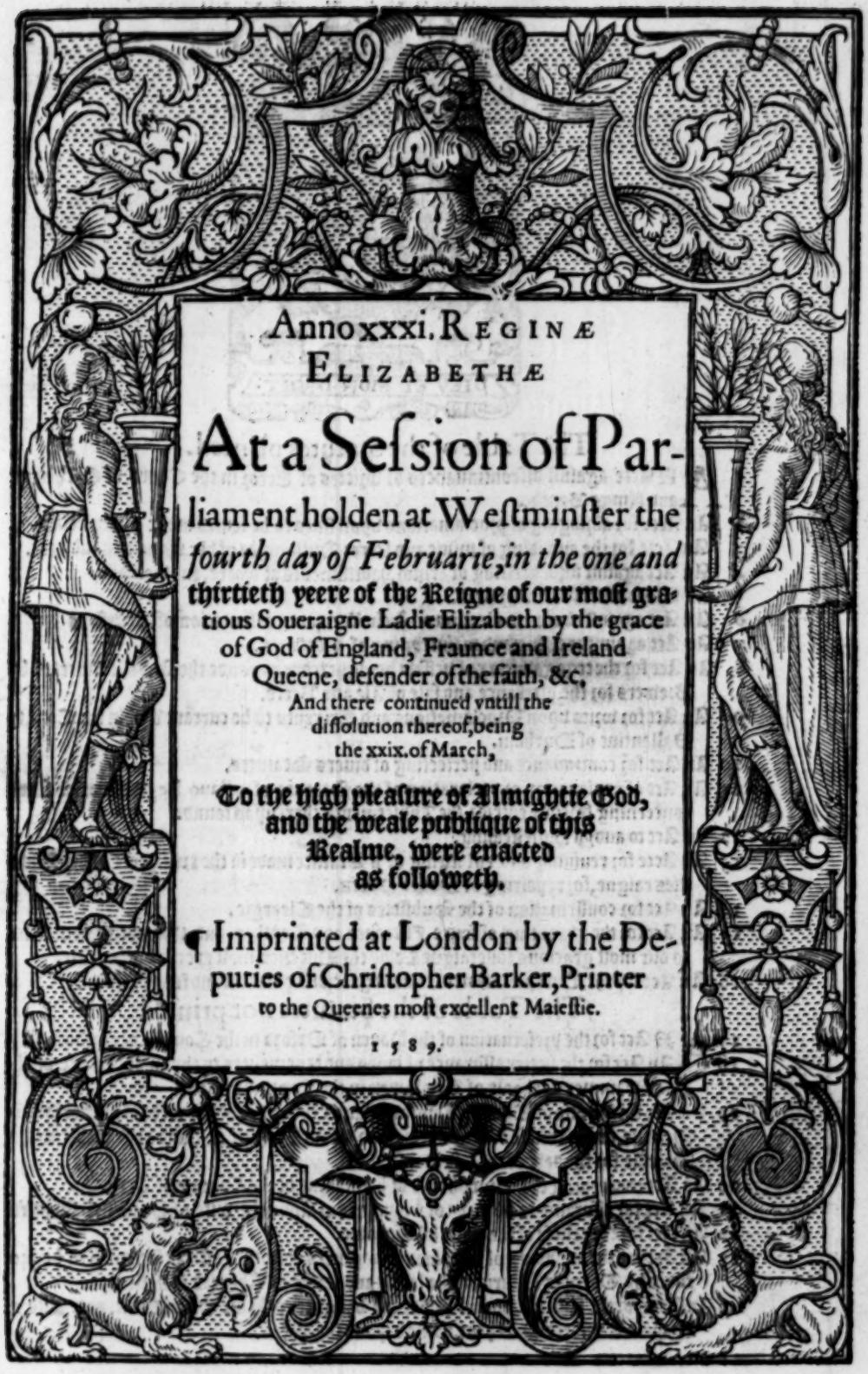

Anno xxxi. Reginæ Elizabethæ

At a Seſsion of Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the *fourth day of Februarie, in the one and* thirtieth yeere of the Reigne of our moſt gratious Soueraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, Fraunce and Ireland Quecne, defender of the faith, &c,

And there continued vntill the diſſolution thereof, being the xxix. of March,

To the high pleaſure of Almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

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Elizabethæ.

An Acte againſt diſcontinuances of writtes of Error in the Court of Eſchequer and *Kings Bench.*

The firſt Chapter.

Whereas by an eſtatute made in the xxxi. yeere of the raigne of king Edward the thirde, it is enacted that vpon complaint concerning erroꝛ made in the Exchequer touching the King oꝛ other perſons, the Loꝛde Chauncelour, and Loꝛd Treaſurer ſhall doe to come beſoꝛe them in any Chamber of Counſell nigh the Exchequer, the recoꝛde and pꝛoceſſe of the Exchequer, and taking to them ſuch Juſtices and other ſage perſons, as to them ſhal be thought meete, ſhall heare and determine ſuch erroꝛs as by the ſayde eſtatute moꝛe at large appeareth: And whereas thoſe two being great officers of the Realme, are employed (not onely in their ſeuerall offices and places of Juſtice elſe where) but alſo foꝛ the other waighty affaires of the Realme in Counſell attendant on the Queenes Maieſties perſon and otherwiſe, they be many times vpon ſudden warning called away in ſuch wiſe, as they both many times and ſometimes, neyther of them can be preſent in the Exchequer at their day of adiournement in ſuch ſuite of erroꝛ, And then by not comming of them at the day of adiournement euery ſuch writte of erroꝛ depending, is by the Lawes of the Realme diſcontinued, And the partie cannot pꝛoceede, but muſt begynne his ſuite of newe to the great loſſe of the partie and hinderance of Juſtice: Foꝛ remedie whereof, Be it ordeined and enacted by authoꝛitie of this preſent Parliament, that the not comming of the Loꝛd Chauncelour, and Loꝛde Treaſurer, oꝛ of either of them at the day of adiournement in any ſuch ſuite of Erroꝛ, depending by vertue of the ſayde foꝛmer eſtatute, ſhall not bee any diſcontinuance of

any ſuch writte of Erroꝛ. But if both the chiefe Juſtices of eyther Bench, oꝛ any one of the ſaid great officers, the Loꝛd Chancelloꝛ, oꝛ Loꝛd Treaſourer, ſhall come to the Exchequer Chamber, and there bee preſent at the day of adiournement in ſuch ſuite of Erroꝛ, it ſhall bee no diſcontinuance, but the ſuite ſhall proceede in Lawe to all intentes and purpoſes, as if both the Loꝛd Chauncelloꝛ and Loꝛd Treaſourer had commen and bene preſent at the day and place of adiournement. Prouided alwayes, that no Judgement ſhall bee giuen in any ſuch ſuite oꝛ writte of Erroꝛ, vnleſſe both the Loꝛde Chauncelloꝛ and Loꝛde Treaſourer ſhalbe preſent thereat.

And whereas in the Parliament holden in the xxbii. yeere of the raigne of our moſt gracious ſoueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maieſtie, one acte oꝛ ſtatute was made, intituled, An Acte foꝛ redreſſe of erronious Judgements in the Court commonly called the kings Bench: By which it is amongeſt other things enacted, That where any Judgement ſhal at any time then after be giuen in the ſaid Court of Kings Bench, in any ſuite oꝛ action of debt, detinue, couenant, accompt, action vpon the caſe, ejection firme, oꝛ treſpaſſe firſt commenced, oꝛ to be firſt cõmenced there, other then ſuch only where the Queenes Maieſtie ſhall be partie: The partie plaintife oꝛ defendant againſt whome any ſuch Judgement ſhall be giuen, may at his election ſue fooꝛth out of the Court of Chauncerie, a ſpeciall writte of Erroꝛ to be deuiſed in the ſaid Court of Chauncerie, directed to the chiefe Juſtice of the ſaide Court of Kings Bench foꝛ the time being, commaunding him to cauſe the ſaid recoꝛd, and all thinges concerning the ſaid Judgement, to bee bꝛought befoꝛe the Juſtices of the common Bench, and the Barons of the Exchequer into the Exchequer Chamber, there to be examined by the ſaid Juſtices of the Common Bench and Barons aforeſaid. Which ſaid Juſtices of the Common Bench, and ſuch Barons of the Exchequer as are of the degree of the Coyfe, oꝛ fiue of them at the leaſt, by vertue of the ſame acte, ſhall thereupon haue full power and authoꝛitie to examine all ſuch erroꝛs as ſhall be aſſigned oꝛ found in oꝛ vpon any ſuch Judgement, And thereupon to reuerſe oꝛ affirme the ſaide Judgement as the Lawe ſhall require other then foꝛ Erroꝛs to be aſſigned oꝛ found foꝛ oꝛ concerning the Juriſdiction of the ſaide Court of Kings Bench, oꝛ foꝛ any want of foꝛme in any writte, returne, plaint, bill, declaration, oꝛ other pleading, proceſſe verdicte, oꝛ proceeding whatſoeuer.

Foꝛaſmuch as it doth many times fal out, that the full number of the ſaid Juſtices of the Common Bench, & Barons of the Exchequer ſo authoꝛized by the ſaid ſtatute, ſometimes foꝛ want of healthy, ſometimes thꝛough other waighty ſeruices, and earneſt occaſions

occasions cannot be present at the dayes & times of the returnes and continuances of the same writtes of Error: And by reason of their absence and not comming, the sayd writtes of Error are discontinued, Justice delayed, and the parties put to beginne newe suite, to their great charges and prejudice: For remedie thereof, be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that from hencefoorth, if the full number of the Justices and Barons authorised by the saide acte, come not at the day or time of returne, or continuance of any such writte of Error, That it shall be lawfull for any three of the saide Justices and Barons, at every of the saide dayes and times, to receiue writtes of Error, to award Processe therupon, to make & prefixe dayes from time to time, of and for the continuance of all such writtes of Error as shall be there returned, certified or depending. And that the same shall be to these respects as good and auaileable, as if all the Justices and Barons authorised by the same Acte, were present. And that the Justices and Barons authorised by the saide Statute, may after that lawfully proceede in all those cases in such sort to all intentes, as they may doe in other cases mentioned in the said Statute, any not comming of any the saide Justices or Barons notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, that no iudgement shall be giuen in any such suite or Error, vnlesse it bee by such full number of the saide Justices and Barons, as are in that behalfe authorised and appointed by the said acte.

Prouided also and be it neuertheless enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the partie plaintife or defendant, against whom any such Judgement hath beene heretofore, or hereafter shall be giuen in the saide Court of Kings Bench, may at his election sue in the high Court of Parliament, for the reuersall of any such Judgement as heretofore hath bene vsuall or accustomed, any thing in this statute, or in the saide former acte, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

An Act for abridging of *Proclamations vpon fines to be leuied* at the Common Lawe.

The ſecond Chapter.

WHereas the Statute made in the fourth yeere of king Henry the ſeuenth hath ordeined, that euery fine to bee leuied with proclamations in the Kings Court, afore his Iuſtices of the common plees, ſhoulde bee proclaimed in the ſame Court that terme, in which it is engrolled, and in three termes then next folowing at foure ſeueral dates in euery Terme: By reaſon whereof they ought to bee proclaymed foure times in euery of the foure ſeuerall Termes, And that during the time of proclaiming of ſuch fines, al plees ſhould ceaſe, which to doe according to the ſaid Statute, (conſidering the multitude of fines nowe vſually leuied) woulde require ſixteene dayes in euery Terme: And by reaſon of the many cauſes and ſutes in that Court, is a farre greater trouble, then heretofore hath bene, ſo as ſcarcely one day in euery Terme can be ſpared for the proclaiming of fines: Be it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all fines with Proclamations, from and after the feaſt of Eaſter next enſuing, to bee leuied in the ſaid Court, ſhall be proclaymed onely foure times, that is to ſay, once in the Terme wherein it is engrolled, and once in euery of the three termes holden next after the ſame engrolling. And that euery fine proclaymed as aforeſaid, ſhall be of as great force and effect in law to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſame had beene ſixteene times proclaymed, according to the Statutes heretofore made.

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Reginæ Elizabethæ Chap.iij.

An Acte for the auoy-ding of priuie and ſeret Outlawries of her Maieſties Subiects.

The third Chapter.

FOr the auoyding of ſecrete Outlawries in actions perſonall againſt the Queenes Subiects, hauing knowen places of their dwellings, by reaſon that proclamations are made in the Countie Courts, and in quarter Seſſions, which are places remote from their dwellings, and thereby they haue not any conuenient notice of ſuch ſutes againſt them: Be it enacted and ordeined by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that in euery action perſonall, wherein any writ of Exigent ſhalbe awarded out of any Court in or after the Terme of Eaſter next comming, one writ of proclamation ſhalbe awarded and made out of the ſame court, hauing day of teſte and returne, as the ſaid writ of Exigent ſhal haue directed and deliuered of record to the Shirife of the Countie where the defendant at the time of the Exigent ſo awarded ſhall be dwelling, which writ of proclamation ſhal conteine the effect of the ſame action, and that the Shirife of the Countie vnto whom any ſuch writ of proclamation ſhall be directed, ſhall make three proclamations in this forme following and not otherwiſe: that is to ſay, one of the ſame proclamations in the open Countie Court, and one other of the ſame proclamations to be made at the generall quarter Seſſions of the peace in thoſe partes where the partie defendant at the time of the Exigent awarded ſhall be dwelling, and one other of the ſame proclamations to be made one moneth at the leaſt before the quint. exact, by vertue of the ſayd writ of Exigent, at or neere to the moſt vſuall doore of the Church or Chappel of that Towne or Pariſh where the defendant ſhall be dwelling at the time of the ſaid Exigent ſo awarded, and if the defendant ſhall be dwelling out of any Pariſh, then in ſuch place as aforeſaide of the Pariſh in the ſame Countie, and next adioyning to the place of the defendants dwelling, and vpon a Sunday immediatly af-

ter diuine Seruice and Sermon, if any Sermon there be, and if no Sermon there be, then foorthwith after diuine Seruice. And that all Outlawries had and pronounced after the ende of the next Easter Terme, and no writ of proclamations awarded and returned, according to the forme of this Statute, shall be vterly voyde and of none effect: and that the officer in whose office such writs of Exigent and Proclamations shalbe made, shal and may take such fees as by the Statute made in the first yere of the raigne of the late king of famous memorie king Henry the eight, is limitted and appoynted in that behalfe, and no greater fees in any wise, and that the Shirife for making of the Proclamation at or neere to the Church or Chappel doore as is aforesayde, shall haue twelue pence. And for the auoyding of secret summons in reall actions without conuenient notice of the Tenaunts of the freehold, Bee it also ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that after euery summons vpon the lande in any reall action, fourteene dayes at the least before the day of the returne therof, Proclamations of the summons shall be made on a Sunday in forme aforesayd, at or neere to the most vsuall doore of the Churches or Chappell of that Towne or Parish where the land whereupon the summons was made doeth lie, and that Proclamation so made as aforesaid, shalbe returned together with the names of the summoners, & if such summons shall not be proclaimed and returned, according to the tenor and meaning of this Act, then no graund cape to be awarded, but an alias and plures summons as the cause shall require, vntill a summons and proclamation shall be duely made and returned, according to the tenor and meaning of this Act. And be it further enacted, that before any allowance of any writ of error or reuersing of any Outlawrie be had by plee or otherwise, through or by want of any Proclamation to be had or made, according to the forme of this Statute, after the ende of Easter Terme next: the defendant and defendants in the originall action shall put in baile, not only to appeare and answere to the plaintife in the former sute in a newe action to be commenced by the said plaintife, for the cause mentioned in the first action, but also to satisfie the condemnation, if the plaintife shall beginne his sute before the ende of two Termes next after the allowing the writ of Error, or otherwise auoyding of the said Outlawrie.

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An Acte againſt imbeſelling of Armor, habiliments of warre, and victuall.

The fourth Chapter.

BE it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that if any perſon or perſons, hauing at any time hereafter the charge or cuſtodie of any armour, Ordinance, munition, ſhotte, pouder, or habiliments of warre, of the Queenes Maieſties, her heires or ſucceſſors, or of any victuals prouided for the victualling of any Souldiers, Gunners, Mariners, or Pioners, ſhall for any lucre or gaine, or wittingly, aduiſedly and of purpoſe, to hinder or impeach her Maieſties ſeruice, imbecill, purloyne or conuey away any the ſame armour, ordinance, munition, ſhot or powder, habiliments of warre or victuals, to the value of twentie ſhillings at one or ſeuerall times: that then euery ſuch offence ſhall be iudged felonie, and the offendor and offendors therein to bee tried, proceeded on, and ſuffer as in caſe of felonie.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that none ſhalbe impeached for any offence againſt this ſtatute: vnleſſe the ſame impeachment bee proſecuted or begunne within the yeere next after the offence done. And that this Act, nor any thing therein conteyned, nor any attaindor or attaindors of any perſon or perſons, for any offence made fellonie by this act, ſhall in any wiſe extend or be adiudged, interpreted, or erpounded, to make the offendor or offendors to forfeite or looſe any lands, tenements, or hereditaments any longer then onely during his or their life or liues, or to make any corruption of blood to any the heire or heires of any ſuch offendor or offendors, or to make the wife of any ſuch offendor to looſe or forfeite her dower or title of dower, of or in any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, or her action or intereſt to the ſame: any thing in this Act conteined, or any Attaindor or Attaindors hereafter to be had for any offence made felonie by this Act, to the contrary notwithſtanding. And that ſuch perſon and perſons as ſhalbe impeached for any offence made felonie by this eſtatute, ſhall by vertue of this Act, be receiued & admitted to make any lawfull proofe that he can, by lawful witneſſe or otherwiſe, for his diſcharge and defence in that behalfe: any law to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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An Acte concerning Informers.

The fifth Chapter.

For that diuers of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiects bee dayly vniuſtly vexed and diſquieted by diuers common Informers vpon penall Statutes, Notwithſtanding any former Statute that hath beene heretofore made againſt their diſorders: For remedie thereof, Bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all former ſtatutes made for reformation of diſorders of ſuch common Informers, not repealed or altered by this acte, ſhall be put in due execution. And that no perſon other then the partie grieued, after xx. dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be receiued to informe or ſue, vpon any penall ſtatute, that before that time hath bene for any miſdemeanor by any order of any the Queenes Maieſties Courts, ordered not to followe or purſue any ſuite vpon any penall ſtatute. And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that in any declaration or Information at any time after xx. dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament to be had, brought, ſued or exhibited, the offence againſt any penall ſtatute, ſhall not be layed to bee done in any other Countie, but where the contract or other matter alleaged to be the offence, was in trueth done. And that euery defendant in ſuch action or Information, ſhall and lawfully may trauerſe and alleadge, that the offence ſuppoſed by the ſame ſuite to bee committed, was not committed in the Countie where ſuch offence is alleadged. Which being tried for the defendant, Or if the Plaintife bee thereupon nonſuite in his Information or ſuite, that then the Plaintife ſhall bee barred in that action or Information, any Lawe or vſe to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes that this act, nor any thing herein contained, ſhall in any wiſe extend to any ſuch officer of Recorde as haue in reſpect of their offices heretofore lawfully vſed to exhibite Informations, or ſue vpon penall Lawes, But that they and

and euery of them may inſoutme and purſue in that behalfe as they might haue done before the making of this Acte, any thing in this Acte to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And prouided alſo, that this Acte nor any thing therein conteyned, ſhall extend to the laying or alleadging of any offence in any declaration or Information, for or concerning any Champartie, buying of titles, or extortion, or any offence committed, or to be committed againſt the ſtatute made in the firſt yeere of the Queenes Maieſties raigne, intituled, An Act limitting the times for laying on lande marchandize from beyonde the Seas, and touching cuſtomes of ſweete wines: And one other Acte made in the ſayde firſt yeere of her Maieſties raigne, intituled, An Acte of a Subſidie of Tonnage and Poundage, or any thing in any of them conteyned, or for the concealing or defrauding the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſours of any Cuſtome, Tonnage, Poundage, Subſidie, Impoſte or Priſage, or for any matter of corrupt Uſurie, or for any offence compriſed in any Statute made, or to bee made againſt ingroſſing, regrating, or foreſtalling, where the penaltie or forfaiture ſhall appeare to be to the value of twentie pound or aboue: But that euery ſuch offence, ſhall or may bee layed in any Countie at the pleaſure of any ſuch Informer, Any thing in this Actto the contrary notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that all actions, ſutes, billes, indictments, or informations, which after twentie dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament ſhall be had, brought, ſued or exhibited, for any forfaiture vpon any Statute penall, made or to be made, whereby the forfaiture is or ſhall be limitted to the Queene, her heires or ſucceſſours onely, ſhall be had, brought, ſued or exhibited within two yeeres next after the offence committed, or to bee committed againſt ſuch Act penall, and not after two yeeres. And that all actions, ſutes, billes or informations, which after the ſayde twentie dayes ſhall be had, brought, ſued or commenced, for any forfaiture vpon any penall ſtatute made or to be made, except the ſtatutes of tillage, the benefite and ſute whereof is or ſhall be by the ſayde Statute, limitted to the Queene, her heires or ſucceſſors, and to any other which ſhall proſecute in that behalfe, ſhall be had, brought, ſued, or commenced by any perſon that may lawfully purſue for the ſame as aforeſayd, within one yeere next after the offence committed, or to be committed againſt the ſayde ſtatute, and in default of ſuch purſuite, that then the ſame ſhalbe had, ſued, exhibited, or brought for the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires, or ſucceſſors, at any time within two yeeres after that

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yeere ended. And if any Action, Suite, Bill, Inditement, or Information for any offence againſt any Penall ſtatute, made or to be made, except the Statute of Tillage, ſhall bee brought after the time in that behalfe before limitted: That then the ſame ſhalbe voyde and of no effect, Any Acte or Statute made to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that where any Action, Information, Inditement or other ſuite is, or ſhall bee limitted by any Statute penall, to bee had, ſued, commenced, or brought within ſhorter time then is afore rehearſed: That in euery ſuch caſe, the Action, Information, Inditement, or other ſuite ſhall bee brought within the time limitted by ſuch eſtatute. And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that one ſtatute made in the vii. yeere of the raigne of the late King of famous memorie King Henry the eight, concerning the time of bringing actions, or Informations vpon penall Lawes, ſhall from and after twentie dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, be vtterly repealed. And that all ſuites from and after the ſayde twentie dayes to be purſued vpon any ſtatute, for vſing any vnlawfull game, or for not vſing of any lawfull game, or for not hauing Bowes and Arrowes according to the Lawe, or for vſing any Art or myſterie, in the which the partie hath not bene brought vp, according to the ſtatute in that behalfe made, ſhall be ſued and proſecuted in the generall quarter Seſſions of the Peace or Aſſiſes of the ſame Countie, where the offence ſhall be committed, or otherwiſe enquired of, heard and determined in the Aſſiſes, or generall quarter Seſſions of the Peace of the ſame Countie, where ſuch offence ſhall be committed, or in the Leete within which it ſhall happen, and not in any wiſe out of the ſame Countie, where ſuch offence ſhall happen or bee committed.

An Acte againſt abuſes in election of Schollers, and preſentation to Benefices.

The ſixt Chapter.

WHereas by the intent of ỹ Founders of Colledges, Churches Collegiat, churches Cathedral, Schooles, Hoſpitals, Halles, and other like Societies within this Realme, and by ỹ Statutes and good Orders of the ſame, the elections, preſentations, and nominations of Fellowes, Schollers, Officers, & other perſons to haue roome or place in the ſame, are to bee had and made of the fitteſt and moſt meete perſons, being capable of the ſame elections, preſentations, and nominations freely, without any reward, gift, or thing giuen or taken for the ſame: And for true performance whereof, ſome Electors, Preſenters, and Nominators in the ſame, haue or ſhould take a corporall othe to make their elections, preſentations, and nominations accordingly: yet notwithſtanding it is ſeene and found by experience, that the ſaid elections, preſentations, and nominations, be many times wrought and brought to paſſe with money, giftes and rewardes, whereby the fitteſt perſons to be elected, preſented, or nominated, wanting money or friendes, are ſeldom or not at all preferred, contrary to the good meaning of the ſaid Founders, and the ſaid good Statutes and Ordinances of the ſaide Colledges, Churches, Schooles, Halles, Hoſpitals, and Societies, and to the great preiudice of learning, and the common Wealth and eſtate of the Realme.

For remedie whereof, bee it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſons, bodies politike or corporate, which haue election, preſentation, or nomination, or voice, or aſſent in the choiſe, election, preſentation, or nomination of any Fellow, Scholler, any other perſon, to haue roome or place in any the ſaide Churches, Colledges, Schooles, Hoſpi-

tals, Halles, or Societies, shall at any time after fourtie dayes next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, haue, receiue, or take any money, fee, reward, or any other profite directly or indirectly, or shall take any promise, agreement, couenant, bond, or other assurance, to receiue or haue any money, fee, reward, or any other profite, directly or indirectly, eyther to him or themselues or to any other of their or any of their friends for his or their voyce or voyces, assent or assents, or consents, in electing, chooling, presenting, or nominating any Officer, Fellowe, Scholler, or other person, to haue any roome or place in any the said Churches, Colledges, Halles, Schooles, Hospitals, or Societies: that then and from thencefoorth, the place, roome, or office, which such person so offending, shall then haue in any the said Churches, Colledges, Schooles, Halles, Hospitals, or Societies, shalbe voide. And that then aswel the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and euery other person and persons, or their heires and successors, to whome the presentation, donation, gift, election, or disposition, shall of right belong or appertaine of any such of the saide roomes or places of the said person so offending as aforesaide, shall or may at their pleasure elect, present, nominate, place, or appoint any other person or persons, in the roome, office, or place of such person or persons so offending as if the said person or persons so offending then were naturally dead.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any Fellowe, Officer, or Scholler of any of the saide Churches, Colledges, Schooles, Halles, Hospitals, or Societies, or other persons hauing roome or place in any of the same, shall at any time hereafter directly or indirectly take or receiue, or by any way, deuise, or meanes contract to agree or haue or receiue any mony, reward, or profit whatsoeuer, for the leauing or resigning vp of the same his roome or place, for any other to be placed in the same: that then euerie person so taking or contracting, or agreeing to take or haue any thing for the same, shall forfaite and lose double the summe of mony, or value of the thing so receiued and taken, or agreed to be receiued or taken: And euery person by whom or for whome any mony, gift, or reward as aforesaid, shal be giuen or agreed to be paid, shall be vncapable of that place or roome for that time or turne, and shall not bee, nor had, nor taken, to be a lawfull Fellowe, Scholler, or Officer of any the Churches, Colledges, Halles, Hospitals, Schooles, or Societies or to haue such roome or place there: but that they to whom it shall apperteyne at any time thereafter, shall and may elect, choose, present, and nominate any other person fit to be elected, presented, or nominated into the said roome or fellowship, as if

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the ſaid perſon, by or for whome any ſuch money, gift, or reward ſhalbe giuen or agreed to be paid were dead, or had reſigned and left the ſame. And for more ſincere election, choyſe, preſentation, and nomination of Fellowes, Scholliers, Officers, and other perſons, to haue roome or place hereafter in any of the ſayde Churches, Colledges, Halles, Scholes, Hoſpitals, and other like Societies.

Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that at the time of euery ſuch Election, preſentation or nomination hereafter to be had, aſwell this preſent act, as the Orders and Statutes of the ſame places, concerning ſuch election, preſentation or nomination to be had, ſhall then and there be publikely read, vpon paine that euery perſon, in whom default thereof ſhall be, ſhall forfaite and loſe the ſumme of xl. pound: All which forfaitures ſhall and may be had and recouered, in any her Maieſties Courts of record, by any perſon or perſons, bodies politique and corporate, that will ſue for the ſame by Bill, plaint, or Action of debt, in which no Eſſoyne, protection, or wager of Lawe ſhall be allowed, The one moytie whereof ſhall be to him or them that will ſue for the ſame, the other moytie to the vſe of the ſayde Church, Colledge, Hall, Hoſpitall, Schole, or Societie, where ſuch offence ſhall be committed. And for the auoiding of Symonie and corruption in Preſentations, Collations, and Donations, of and to Benefices, Dignities, Prebendes and other liuings and promotions Eccleſiaſticall, and in admiſſions, inſtitutions, and inductions to the ſame:

Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that if any perſon or perſons, bodies politike or corporate, ſhall or do at any time after the end of xl. dayes, next after the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, for any ſumme of money, reward, gift, profite or benefit, directly, or indirectly, or for, or by reaſon of any promiſe, agreement, graunt, bond, couenant, or other aſſurance, of, or for any ſumme of money, reward, gift, profite, or benefite whatſoeuer, directly or indirectly, preſent or collate any perſon to any Benefice with cure of ſoules, dignitie, Prebend or liuing Eccleſiaſticall, or giue, or beſtow the ſame, for, or in reſpect of any ſuch corrupt cauſe or conſideration, that then euery ſuch preſentation collation, gift and beſtowing, and euery admiſſion, inſtitution, inueſture and induction thereupon, ſhall bee vtterly voyde, fruſtrate, and of none effect in Lawe. And that it ſhall and may be lawful, to, and for the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors, to preſent, collate vnto, or giue, or beſtow euery ſuch Benefice, dignitie, Prebende, and liuing Eccleſiaſticall for that one time or turne onely, and that all and euery perſon or perſons, bodies politike and corporate, that from thence forth ſhall giue

or take any ſuch ſumme of money, reward, gift, or benefite, directly or indirectly, or that ſhall take or make any ſuch promiſe, graunt, bond, couenant, or other aſſurance, ſhall forfaite and loſe the double value of one yeres profite of euery ſuch Benefice, Dignitie, Prebend, and liuing Eccleſiaſticall, and the perſon ſo corruptly taking, procuring, ſeeking, or accepting any ſuch Benefice, Dignitie, Prebend or liuing, ſhall thereupon, and from thenceforth bee adiudged a diſabled perſon in Lawe, to haue or enioy the ſame Benefice, Dignitie, Prebende, or liuing Eccleſiaſticall,

And be it further enacted, that if any perſon ſhall at any time after xl. dayes next after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, for any ſumme of money, reward, gift, profite or commoditie whatſoeuer, directly or indirectly (other then for vſuall and lawfull fees) or for, or by reaſon of any promiſe, agreement, graunt, couenant, bond, or other aſſurance, of, or for any ſumme of money, reward, gift, profite, or benefite whatſoeuer, directly or indirectly, admit, inſtitute, inſtall, induct, inueſt, or place any perſon in, or to any Benefice with cure of ſoules, Dignitie, Prebend, or other liuing Eccleſiaſticall, that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending, ſhall forfaite and loſe the double value of one yeeres profite, of euery ſuch Benefice, Dignitie, Prebende, and liuing Eccleſiaſticall. And that thereupon immediatly from and after the Inueſting, Inſtallation, or Induction thereof had, the ſame Benefice, Dignitie, Prebend, and liuings Eccleſiaſtical, ſhall be eſtſoones meerely voyde: And that the Patron, or perſon to whome the Aduowſon, gift, preſentation, or collation ſhall by Lawe appertaine, ſhall and may by vertue of this Acte, preſent or collate vnto, giue and diſpoſe of the ſame Benefice, Dignitie, Prebend, or liuing Eccleſiaſticall, in ſuch ſort, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the partie ſo admitted, Inſtituted, Inſtalled, Inueſted, Inducted or placed, had bene, or were naturally dead.

Prouided alwayes, that no title to conferre, or preſent by lapſe, ſhall accrewe vpon any voydance mentioned in this acte, but after vi. Moneths next after notice giuen of ſuch voydance by the Ordinarie to the Patrone.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that if any Incumbent of any Benefice with cure of ſoules, after the ende of the ſayd fourtie dayes, doe, or ſhall corruptly reſigne or exchange the ſame, or corruptly take for, or in reſpect of the reſigning or exchanging of the ſame, directly or indirectly, any penſion, ſumme of money, or benefite whatſoeuer: that then aſwell the giuer, as the taker of any ſuch penſion, ſumme of money, or other benefite corruptly, ſhall loſe double the value of the ſumme ſo giuen, taken, or had, the one moytie aſwell there-

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of, as of the forfeiture of double value of one yeeres profite before mentioned, to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and the other moytie to him or them that will sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, or information, in any of her Maiesties Courts of Record, in which no Essoyne, Protection, or wager of lawe, or priuiledge, shall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes that this Act, or any thing herein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend to take away, or restrayne any punishment, paine or penalty, limitted, prescribed, or inflicted by the lawes Ecclesiasticall, for any the offences before in this Act mentioned, but that the same shall remaine in force, and may be put in due execution, as it might be before the making of this Act: This Act, or any thing therein contayned to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided further, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, shall or doe at any time after the end of this Session of Parliament, receyue or take any money, fee, reward, or any other profite, directly or indirectly, or shall take any promise, agreement, couenant, bond, or other assurance, to receiue or haue any money, fee, reward, or any other profite, directly, or indirectly, eyther to him or them selues, or to any other of their, or any of their friendes (all ordinarie and lawfull fees onely excepted) for or to procure the ordeining or making of any Minister or Ministers, or giuing of any orders, or licence or licences to preach: that then euery person and persons so offending, shall for euery such offence, forfeite and lose the summe of fourty poundes, of lawfull money of England: and the party so corruptly ordayned or made Minister or taking orders, shall forfaite and lose the summe of ten poundes. And if at any time within seuen yeeres next after such corrupt entring into the Ministerie, or receiuing of orders, hee shall accept or take any Benefice, Liuing or Promotion Ecclesiasticall: that then immediatly from & after the Induction, Inuesting, or Installation thereof, or thereinto had, the same Benefice, Liuing, and Promotion Ecclesiasticall, shall be eftsoones meerely voyde, and that the Patron or Parson, to whome the Aduowson, Gift, Presentation or Collation, shall by lawe appertayne, shall and may by vertue of this Act, present or collate vnto, giue and dispose of the same Benefice, Liuing or Promotion Ecclesiasticall, in such sort to all intentes and purposes, as if the party so Inducted, Inuested or Installed had beene, or were naturally dead: any lawe, ordinance, qualification, or dispensation to the contrary, notwithstanding. The one moytie of all which forfeytures shall be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires and successors, and the other moytie to him or them that

will ſue for the ſame, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any of her Maieſties Courts of Record, in which no Eſſoine, Protection, Priuiledge or wager of lawe, ſhall bee admitted or allowed.

An Acte againſt the erecting and maintayning of Cottages.

The ſeuenth Chapter.

For the auoyding of the great inconueniences which are founde by experience to growe by the erecting and building of great numbers and multitude of Cottages, which are dayly more and more increaſed in many partes of this Realme: Be it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, and the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, no perſon ſhall within this Realme of England, make, build, or erect, or cauſe to bee made, builded, or erected, any maner of Cottage for habitation or dwelling, nor conuert or ordeyne any building or houſing, made, or hereafter to be made, to be vſed as a Cottage for habitation or dwelling, vnleſſe the ſame perſon doe aſſigne and lay to the ſame Cottage or building, foure acres of ground at the leaſt, to bee accompted according to the Statute or ordinance de terris menſurandis, being his or her owne freeholde and inheritance, lying neere to the ſayde Cottage, to bee continually occupied and manured therewith, ſo long as the ſame Cottage ſhall be inhabited, vpon payne that euery ſuch offendour ſhall forfeyte to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires

heires and ſucceſſors, tenne poundes of lawfull money of England, for euery ſuch offence.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that euery perſon which after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall willingly vpholde, maintaine, and continue any ſuch Cottage hereafter to be erected, conuerted, or ordeyned for habitation or dwelling, wherunto foure Acres of ground as is aforeſaid ſhall not be aſſigned and layed to be vſed and occupied with the ſame, ſhall forfeite to our ſaide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors xl. ſhillings for euery moneth that any ſuch Cottage ſhall bee by him or them vpholden, mainteined and continued.

Prouided alſo and be it enacted, that from and after the feaſt of all Saints next comming, there ſhall not bee any Inmate, or more families or houſholds then one, dwelling or inhabiting in any one Cottage, made or to be made or erected, vpon paine that euery owner or occupier of any ſuch Cottage, placing or willingly ſuffering any ſuch Inmate, or other familie then one, ſhall forfeit and loſe to the lord of the Leete, within which ſuch Cottage ſhall bee, the ſumme of tenne ſhillings of lawfull money of England, for euery moneth that any ſuch Inmate, or other familie then one, ſhall dwel or inhabite in any one Cottage as aforeſaid. And that al and euery Lord and Lords of Leete and Leetes, and their Stewards within the Precinct of his and their Leete and Leetes, ſhall haue full power and authoritie within their ſeueral Leetes, to enquire and to take preſentment by the othe of Jurors of al and euery offence and offences in this behalfe, and vpon ſuch preſentment had or made to leuie by diſtreſſe to the vſe of the Lord of the Leete, all ſuch ſummes of money as ſo ſhalbe forfeited: And moreouer that it ſhalbe lawfull for the Lord of euery ſuch Leete, where ſuch preſentment ſhall be made, to recouer to his owne vſe any ſuch forfeiture, by Action of debt in any of the Queenes Maieſties Courtes of Record, wherein no Eſſoyne, protection or wager of lawe ſhall be allowed.

And beit further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that all Juſtices of Aſſiſes, & Juſtices of Peace in their open Seſſions, and euery Lord within the precinct of his Leete & none others, ſhall haue full power and authoritie within their ſeueral limits and Juriſdictions, to enquire of, heare, and determine all offences contrary to this preſent Act, aſwel by Inditement, as otherwiſe by preſentment or information, and to award execution for the leuying of the ſeueral forfaitures aforeſaid, by Fieri facias, Elegit, Capias, or otherwiſe as the cauſe ſhall require.

Prouided alwaies, that this ſtatute or any thing therein conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe be extended to any Cottage, which

ſhalbe ordeyned or erected to, or for habitation or dwelling in any Citie, Towne Corporate, or ancient Borough, or Market towne within this Realme, nor to any Cottages or buildings, which ſhalbe erected, ordeined, or conuerted to, and for the neceſſarie and conuenient habitation or dwelling of any workemen, or labourers in any Myneral workes, cole Mines, Quarries or delues of ſtone, or ſlate, or in or about the making of Bricke, Tile, Lime or Coles within this Realme. So as the ſame Cottages or buildings, be not aboue one mile diſtant from the place of the ſame Myneral or other workes, and ſhalbe vſed onely for the habitation and dwelling of the ſaid workemen, nor ſhal in any ſort preiudice, charge, or impeache any perſon or perſons for the erecting, mainteining, or continuing of any ſuch Cottages, as are before in this prouiſo mentioned and ſpecified.

Prouided alwayes, that this Act ſhall not extend to any Cottage to be made within a mile of the Sea, or vpon the ſide of ſuch part of any Nauigable riuer where the Admirall ought to haue iuriſdiction, ſo long as no other perſon ſhall therein inhabite, but a Sayler or man of Manuall occupation, to, or for making, furniſhing, or victualing of any Ship or veſſell, vſed to ſerue on the Sea, nor to any Cottage to bee made in any Foreſt, Chaſe, Warren or Parke, ſo long as no other perſon ſhall therein inhabite, but an Vnderkeeper or Warrener, for the good keeping of the Deere, or other game of Warren, nor to any Cottage heretofore made, ſo long as no other perſon ſhall therein inhabite, but a common Heardman or Shepheard, for keeping the cattell or ſheepe of the Towne, or a poore lame, ſicke, aged, or impotent perſon, nor to any Cottage to be made, which for any iuſt reſpect vpon complaint to the Juſtice of Aſſize at the Aſſizes, or to the Juſtices of Peace at the quarter Seſſions, ſhall by their order entered in open Aſſizes or quarter Seſſions, be decreed to continue for habitation for, and during ſo long time onely, as by ſuch decree ſhall be tollerated and limitted.

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An Acte for the true gawging of Veſſels brought from beyond the Seas, conuerted by Brewers for the vtterance and ſale of Ale and Beere.

The eight Chapter.

WHere Beere and Ale are nowe very commonly vttered, ſolde, and put to ſale, by the Beere Brewers, and Ale Brewers, aſwel within the Citie of London, as elſewhere within the Realme of England, in Buts, Pipes, Puncheons, Hogſheds, Tierces, and ſuch other veſſels, brought from beyond ỹ Seas, which were neuer lawfully gawged for that purpoſe within this Realme, to the great loſſe aſwell of the Queenes highneſſe, as of her Subiects: Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no Brewer ſhall after the ende of fourtie dayes nert after the ende of this Seſſion of this preſent Parliament, ſell, vtter, or put to ſale, any Beere, or Ale in any ſuch veſſell, or veſſels, within the Citie of London, or Suburbes of the ſame, or in any other place or places within two miles compaſſe without the ſame Suburbes, before the ſame ſhall bee lawfully gawged, and the true content of euery ſuch veſſell ſet downe vpon the ſame by the Gallon, appoynted and allowed for Beere and Ale, according to that ſtanderd, by the Maſter & Wardens of the art or myſterie of Free men of the Cowpers of the Citie of London, or their Deputie or Deputies: nor ſhall (after the time before limitted) ſell, vtter, or put to ſale, any Beere, or Ale, in any ſuch veſſell or veſſels, in any other place or places within the Realme of England, and Wales, before the ſame ſhall be lawfully gawged, and the true content of euery ſuch veſſell ſet downe vpon the ſame by the Gallon aforeſaid, according to the Standerd, by ſuch as by the Statute in that behalfe made in the three and twentieth yeere of the raigne of the late King of famous memorie,

rie, King Henry the eight, are to haue the gawging of Barrels, Kylderkins, and Fyrkins, made for Beere or Ale to be put in, in ſuch other place and places within the Realme of England and Wales, vpon paine to forfaite all and euery ſuch veſſell and veſſels, wherein any Beere or Ale ſhalbe vttered, ſold, or put to ſale, contrary to the true meaning hereof. And alſo all the Beere, or Ale, which ſhall bee at the time of ſuch vttering, ſelling, or putting to ſale therein conteyned, to him or them that will ſeiſe the ſame, and vpon paine alſo to forfeite for euery ſuch veſſell wherein Beere or Ale ſhall be ſo vttered, ſolde, or put to ſale, tenne ſhillings, the one moitie of which forfeitures ſhalbe to the Queenes Mateſtie, her heires, and ſucceſſors, and the other moitie to him or them that will ſue for the ſame, by action of debt, bill, plaint, information, or otherwiſe, wherein no Eſſoine, protection, wager of lawe, or iniunction ſhall be admitted or allowed for the defendant. And that there ſhall be taken for the gawging of euery ſuch veſſell, within the Citie of London, and Suburbes of the ſame, and in all and euery place and places within two miles compaſſe without the ſame Suburbs, by the Maſter and wardens of the arte or myſterie of Freemen of the Cowpers of the Citie of London, for euery But, one penie, for euery Pipe, one penie, for euery Puncheon, one halfe penie, for euery Hogſhead, one halfpenie, for euery Tierce, one halfepenie, & for euery other veſſell which ſhall at any time (after the time before expreſſed) be brought into this Realme, from any the partes beyonde the Seas, wherein Beere or Ale ſhalbe vttered, ſolde, or put to ſale, within the ſaid Citie, or Suburbes, or any other place or places within two myles compaſſe without the ſame Suburbes, after like rates and no more: and that there ſhalbe taken for the gawging of euery ſuch veſſell or veſſels, in all and euery other place and places within the Realme of England and Wales, by ſuch perſon and perſons, as by the ſaid Statute made in the ſaid three and twentieth yeere of the raigne of King Henry the eight, are appointed for gawging thereof, after ſuch like rates as are herein before appoynted to be taken, for gawging within the Citie of London, and Suburbes of the ſame, and in other places within two myles compaſſe without the ſame Suburbes.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that this Act ſhall extend to all and euery perſon and perſons, which ſhall vſe or occupie the myſterie of brewing, aſwell Engliſh borne, as Strangers: and that it ſhall be lawfull to all and euery perſon and perſons, which ſhall haue authoritie by vertue of this Act, to gawge any veſſell or veſſels by this Act, meant or intended to be gawged, to reteine euery veſſell which ſhall be gawged, according to the true meaning of this Act, vntill the money which ſhalbe due for the gawging thereof, ſhalbe truely ſatiſfied & payd.

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Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Master and Wardens of Cowpers aforesaid, or their sufficient Deputie or Deputies, within the space of eight and fourtie houres next after any reasonable request (to them or any of them made) shall come to any Brewer or Brewers house, or other place in the sayde Citie of London, or Suburbes thereof, or two miles distance of the same, whereas their Caskes shall bee, and there with all reasonable expedition shall gauge and marke the same Caskes & euery of them, vpon payne for euery default, to forfeit and loose to the partie by or for whom such request as aforesayde shall bee made, the summe of twentie shillings of lawfull money of England, to be had and recouered by the sayd partie against the corporation of Cowpers aforesayd, by action of debt, in any of her Maiesties Courtes of Record at Westminster or elsewhere: in which action, no Essoine, Protection, or Wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided also, that if any Scottish man, or any Stranger, shall bring from Scotland, or from beyond the Seas, to the sayd Brewers, or any of them, any maner of forreine caske, and shall require to haue Beere put into the same, and will transport the same Beere from hence, either into Scotland, or ouer the Seas, there to be drunke: that then in euery such case, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the sayd Brewers, or any of them, to fill all such Caskes with Beere, at such rate and reckoning, as hee and his marchant can agree, without hauing the sayd Caskes, or any of them, gawged or marked as is aforesayd, and without incurring any penaltie therefore: this Acte, or any thing therein conteined to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Session of the next Parliament.

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An Acte for writs vpon proclamations and exigents to be currant within the Countie Palantine of Durham.

The ninth Chapter.

Where the Bishopriche of Durham is, and of long time hath beene an ancient Countie Palantine of it selfe: in which Bishopriche the Queenes writte hath not, nor yet doeth runne, so that the writte of proclamation awarded vpon any Exigend against any person or persons inhabiting within the same Countie in any action wherein processe of Outlawrie doeth lie, according to the Statute made in the first yeere of the raigne of the late King Henry the eight, cannot be directed to any Shirif, or other officer within the said Bishopriche, but vnto the Shirif of the Countie next adioyning vnto the said Bishopriche, so that the partie dwelling within the said Bishopriche, against whom any such exigend and proclamation hath bene or shall be awarded, hath not had, nor hereafter can haue any knowledge of the same suite or processe: by reason whereof many persons inhabiting within the saide Bishopriche without knowledge haue bene outlawed, and hereafter are like to be outlawed in like maner to their vtter vndoings, if some speedie remedie be not the sooner prouided,

Be it therefore, and for diuers other good considerations enacted, ordeyned and established by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that whensoeuer any writte of Exigend, at any time after the first day of April next comming, shalbe awarded at the sute of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or Successors, Kings or Queenes of this Realme, or at the sute or sutes of any other person or persons, plaintife or plaintifes, in any action or sute in any of the Courts of our said Soueraigne Lady, her heires or successors, Kings and Queenes of this Realme, commonly called the Kings Bench, and the Common place, against any person or persons dwelling within the said Bishopriche: that then immediatly vpon the awarding of euery such Exigend, the Justice or Justices before whome any such writ of Exigend vpon such sute or action shall be sued, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Act, to award

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one writ of proclamation, according to the tenor & effect of writs of Proclamation awarded vpon exigends, & commonly directed out of any of ỹ said Courts into London, or into any other shires of this Realme, against any person or persons dwelling in other shire or shires of this realme, where the Queenes writ doth run according to the order and forme of the said Act, made in the first yeere of the raigne of the said late King, to be directed to the Bishop of Durham for the time being, & during the vacation of the bishoprich, then to ỹ Chauncellor of the said Bishoprich or Countie Palantine for the time being, where it shall happen the sayd defendant against whom any such action shalbe sued, as is aforesayd, to be dwelling, and not to the Sherife of any other shire next adioyning to the said bishoprich or County Palantine (any lawe, custome, or vsage heretofore vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.) And ỹ euery such writ of Proclamation so to bee hereafter awarded to such Bishop or Chauncellor of the said Bishopricke or County Palantine, shal haue the same Teste and day of returne, as the exigends whereupon euery such writ of Proclamation shalbe awarded, shal haue: And that euery such Bishop or Chancellor, to whom any of ỹ said writ or writs of proclamation shalbe directed, shal by his or their mandat, directed to the sherife of the said County Palantine, cause proclamation to be made of ỹ same writs of Proclamation, according to ỹ tenor of the same, & shal make true returnes of the same, in such Court & Courtes, and before such Justices as the tenor of the same writ and writs of proclamation shall require & demaund: And that all outlawries hereafter to be promulged or pronounced against any person or persons, vpon any such exigent or exigents awarded against any person or persons, dwelling within the sayd Bishopricke or County Palantine, & no writs of proclamatiõ awarded in forme aforesaid, to the Bishop or Chauncellor aforesaid, where the party defendant shalbe, as is aforesaid, dwelling, or not returned as aforesaid, to be clerely void & of none effect nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery Bishop of the said Bishopricke, for the time being, and during the vacation of the sayd Bishopricke, the Chauncellor of the said County Palantine for the time being, shall haue in euery of the said Courts of the Kings Bench and Common Plees, one sufficient Deputie at the least, to receiue all such writs of Proclamations which shalbe hereafter directed to euery such Bishop or Chauncellor of the said Bishopricke or Countie Palantine, for whom the same Deputie or Deputies shall be appointed, in like manner and forme, and vpon like paines, as by the former Statutes and Lawes of this Realme, the Sherifs of other shires or Counties within this Realme of England, be bound to haue in

either of the same Courts, and that all such writs of Proclamation as aforesaid, shal be deliuered vnto euery such deputie or deputies of record in the same Courts, and either of them, and also like Fees shalbe paid for making of euery such writte of Proclamation, and for enrolling the same of record, as is limited in the same statute, made in the 6. yeere of ỹ said king Henry the eight.

And be it further enacted and established by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any such writte or writs of Proclamation hereafter to be directed to any Bishop or Chauncellor of the said Bishoprieke or Countie Palantine, be deliuered vnto any of the said Bishops for the time being, or during the vacation of the sayde Bishoprieke to the Chauncellor of the sayde Countie Palantine for the time being, or to his or their deputie or deputies, in maner and forme aforesaid, and the same Bishop for the time being, or during the vacation of the said Bishoprieke, the said Chauncellor of the said Countie Palantine for the time being, doe not make true returne of euery such writ and writtes of Proclamation to them directed in to such Court and Courts, out of which the sayd writte or writtes of Proclamation shall bee awarded: That for euery such default of non returne, euery such Bishop for the time being, and during the vacation of the sayde Sea, the sayde Chauncellour for the time being, so sayling to make due returne, shall lose and forfeite fiue poundes, the one halfe whereof shall be to the Queene, her Heires and Successors, and the other halfe thereof to any such person or persons, as will sue for the same, in any action of debt to be grounded vpon this Acte in any of the Queenes Courts of Record, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of Lawe, shall be allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwayes that this Acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extend, or be preiudiciall to any Bishop of the said Bishoprieke of Durham, for or concerning such liberties, Fraunchises, or priuiledges as belong to the same Bishops Bishoprieke or Sea, or to any ministers or officers of the same Bishoprieke or Countie Palantine, otherwise or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this Act is before prouided or declared, (any thing in this Act mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.)

Prouided also, that if any person or persons dwelling within the sayd Bishoprieke or Countie Palantine, after the sayd first day of Aprill, shall be outlawed in any such suite or action as is aforesayd: That then all writs of special Capias vtlagatum, single Capias vtlagatum, non molestandum, and all other procesle, for or against any person or persons so outlawed, shal and may from henceforth be directed from time to time to the Bishop of the said

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Bishopricke and Countie Palantine for the time being, and during the vacation of the said sea, to the Chauncellor there for the time being, who shall make like writs and Processe thereupon and of like effect sealed with the seale of their said offices, to be directed to the Sheriffe of the sayde Countie Palantine for the time being, as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed in such cases.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that vpon any writte of Proclamation to bee awarded by vertue of this Acte, and the mandat thereupon to be made to the Sheriffe, and the execution thereof, there shalbe but one only Fee taken, receiued or demaunded for the same, by the said Bishop, Chauncellor, and Sheriffe of the saide Countie Palantine for the time being.

An Act for the continuance and perfecting of diuers Statutes.

The tenth Chapter.

WHere in the first Session of Parliament, begunne in the citie of London the third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeere of the Raigne of our late Soueraigne Lord of famous memorie king Henrie the eight, and from thence adiourned and prorogued to the Pallace of Westminster, An Acte or Statute was made, entituled, An Acte for the true making of Cables, Hallers, and Ropes: And where in the Parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westminster, the fourth day of February, in the foure and twentieth yeere of the Raigne of the saide King, One other Act was then and there made, entituled, An Act against killing of young beastes, called weanlings, And where in the Session of a Parliament ended at Westminster, the first day of Februarie, in the fourth yeere of the Raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde King Edward the first, One Acte was made, concerning the buying and selling of Rother beastes and cattell, And also one other Acte was then and there likewise made, entituled, An Acte, for the buying and selling of Butter and Cheese: And where

also in the Parliament begunne at Westminster the three and twentieth day of January, in the first yeere of the Reigne of the Queenes Maiesty that nowe is, and there continewed by prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, An Acte was then and there made, entituled, An Act for the preseruation of Spawne and Frye of fish: And where also in the first Session of Parliament holden at Westminster, the twentieth day of Januarie in the fifth yeere of her Highnes Raigne, One Act was then and there made, entituled, An Acte for maintenance and increase of tillage, And one other Act was then and there likewise made, entituled, An Act for the auoyding of diuers forraine wares made by handicrafts men beyond the Seas, And where also in the last Session of the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the last day of September, in the eight yeere of her Maiesties Raighe, One Acte was then and there made, entituled, An Act for Bowyers, and the prices of Bowes: And where also in the Parliament begunne & holden at Westminster, in the second day of April, in the thirteenth yeere of her Maiesties Raigne, there was one Act and statute, made for the auoiding of some leases in certaine cases to be made of Ecclesiasticall promotions with cure, entituled, An Act touching leases of benefices & other Ecclesiasticall liuings with cure: And where also there was one other Act and statute made in the sayd Parliament begun & holden at Westminster, the sayd second day of April, in the said thirteenth yere, entituled, An act that Purueiors may take graine, corne, or victuals, within fiue miles of Cãbridge and Orford, in certain cases, And also one other Act was then and there made, entituled; An Act against Vsurie: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the eyght day of May, in the foureteenth yeere of her Highnes Raigne, there was one other Act made, entituled, An Act for the continuation, explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers statutes, In which statute are conteined diuers braunches, clauses, and prouisions touching and concerning the explanation, perfecting, and inlarging of diuers of the statutes before mentioned: And where also in the first Session of the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the eight day of May, in the foureteenth yeere of the Queenes Highnes reigne that nowe is, and from thence continued by prorogation till the dissolution thereof, there was one other Act made, entituled, An Act for the punishment of vagabonds, and for the relefe of the poore & impotent: And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster aforesaid, in the eighteenth yeere of her Maiesties Raigne, there was one other Act made, entituled, An Acte for the setting of the poore on worke, and for the auoiding of idlenes: And where in the Parliament

ament holden at Weminſter the xxiii. day of Nouember, in the xxvii. yeere of her Maieſties Raigne, One other Act was made for the reuiuing, continuance, explanation & perfecting of diuers ſtatutes, in which are conteyned diuers branches, prouiſions, and clauſes touching & concerning certaine additions and alterations vnto and of diuers of the ſaid former recited ſtatutes, and other new prouiſions: And where in the ſaid Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the xxiii. day of Nouẽber in ỹ xxvii. yere of the Queenes Maieſties reign that now is, there was an act made for ỹ leuying of iſſues loſt by Jurors: And wheras alſo in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the xxiii. day of Nouẽber in the xxvii. yere of the Queenes Maieſties reigne that now is, there was one other Act made, entituled, An Act for the good gouernement of ỹ Citie or Borough of Weſtminſter. Foraſmuch as the branches, clauſes and prouiſions conteyned & ſpecified in the ſaid two Acts of continuance made in the xiiii. and xxvii. yere of her Maieſties raigne, in addition, alteratiõ, explanation, perfecting and inlarging of diuers of the ſayd Statutes, and other Statutes, and all the reſidue of the ſayd recited Acts, doe ſeeme good and beneficial to the weale, and profit of this Realme: Be it enacted that the ſayd branches, clauſes & prouiſions of the ſayd two Acts of continuance, & all the reſidue of the ſayd recited ſtatutes and acts and euery of them, and all & euery article, clauſe and ſentence in them and euery of them conteined, ſhal be continued and endure in full force and effect, vntil the end of the next Parliament next enſuing. And where alſo in the firſt Seſſion of Parliament holdẽ at Weſtminſter the xii. day of January in the ſaid fift yere of her Maieſties reigne, One Act was then & there made, entituled, An Act touching certein politike conſtitutions made for the maintenance of the nauie: Be it further enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliamẽt, that ſo much only of the laſt mentioned Act as at this preſent ſtandeth in force, and not heretofore at any time repealed, ſhall continue and endure in ful force & effect vnto the end of the nert Parliament nert enſuing.

Where in the Parliament now laſt paſt holden at Weſtminſter, an act was then made, intituled, An act for the continuance and perfecting of diuers ſtatutes, in the end of which act one prouiſo is conteyned in theſe wordes following, viz. Prouided alwayes that whereas diuers her Maieſties louing ſubiects dwelling in ỹ remote parts of this realme are many times maliciouſly troubled vpon information & ſuits exhibited in the courts of kings bench, Common plees, and Exchequer, vpon penal ſtatutes, and are drawne vp vpon proces out of ỹ countries where they dwel, and driuen to attend & put in baile, to their great troubles and vndoing: For reformation wherof, Be it enacted, that if any per-

ſon or perſons ſhall bee ſued or informed againſt vpon any penall lawe in any the ſayd Courts of kings bench and Common plees, or Exchequer, where ſuch perſon or perſons are baileable by lawe, or where by the law or fauor of the court ſuch perſon or perſons may appeare by atturney, that in all and euery ſuch caſe the perſon or perſons ſo to be impleaded or ſued, ſhould and might at the day and time conteyned in the firſt proceſſe ſerued for his appearance, appeare by atturney of the ſame Court where the proceſſe is returnable, to anſwere and defend the ſame, & not be vrged to perſonall appearance, or to put in baile for the anſwering of ſuch ſuit, any former law, cuſtome, or vſage to the contrary notwithſtanding. Be it now enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſame branch of the ſaide Act ſhall extend and ſhalbe interpreted, expounded and vnderſtood, to extend only to the naturall ſubiectes borne or to be borne, within the dominions of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors, and to perſons made free deniſens and to no others, any thing therein conteyned to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

An Act of explanation or *declaration of the Statute of* octauo Regis Henrici ſexti, concerning forcible Entries, the Indictments thereupon found.

The eleuenth Chapter.

WHereas there is one good Acte made and eſtabliſhed in the eight yeere of the raigne of King Henrie the firſt, againſt ſuch perſons as ſhoulde make forcible entrie into Landes, Tenements, and other Poſſeſſions, or them ſhould forcibly holde: And one very good prouiſo or clauſe in the ſaid Act conteyned, as inſueth,

Prouided alwayes, that they which keepe their Poſſeſſions with force, in any Lands, and Tenements, whereof they or their anceſtors haue continued their poſſeſſion in the ſame by three yeeres or more, bee not endamaged by force of the ſayd Statute. And wheras diuers of the Queenes Maieſties

testies good and louing Subiects, and their auncestors, or those whose estate they haue for many yeeres together, aboue the space of three yeeres or more haue bin in quiet possession of their dwelling houses, and other their lands and possessions: And nowe of late diuers of her Maiesties said Subiects, hauing entries made vpon their possessions, hauing had such quiet and long possession, for disturbing of such Entrers, and for keeping of their possession against such Entrers, by colour of Indictments, of forcible entrie, or forcible keeping possession found against them, by meanes of the Othes of such Entrers, haue bene remooued and put out of their dwelling houses, and other their possessions, which they haue quietly helde by the space of three yeeres together, or longer time, next before such Indictments found against them, against the true meaning and intent of the saide Prouiso or clause conteined in the saide Act. For remedie of which Inconuenience, and for true declaration and explanation of the Lawe therein: Be it ordeyned, declared, and enacted, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that no restitution vpon any Indictment of forcible Entrie, or holding with force, bee made to any person or persons, if the person or persons so indicted hath had the occupation, or hath bene in quiet possession by the space of three whole yeeres together, next before the day of such Indictment so found, and his, her or their estate or estates, therein not ended nor determined: which the partie Indicted shall and may alleage for stay of restitution, and restitution to stay vntill that bee be tryed, if the other will denie or trauerse the same. And if the same allegation bee tryed against the same person or persons so indicted, then the same person or persons so indicted to pay such costes and damages to the other partie, as shalbe assessed by the Iudges or Iustices before whom the same shalbe tryed, the same costes and damages to be recouered and leuied, as is vsuall for costes and damages contained in Iudgements vpon other actions.

An Act to auoyde Horſe-ſtealing.

The twelfth Chapter.

Hereas throughout moſt Counties of this Realme, Horſe-ſtealing is growen ſo common, as neither in paſtures nor cloſes, nor hardly in ſtables the ſame are to bee in ſafetie from ſtealing, which enſueth by the ready buying of the ſame by Horſe-courſers and others in ſome open Fayres or Markets farre diſtant from the owner, and with ſuch ſpeede as the owner can not by purſuite poſſibly helpe the ſame: And ſundrie good ordinances haue heretofore bene made touching the maner of ſelling, and tolling of Horſes, Mares, Geldings, and Coults in fayres and Markets, which haue not wrought ſo good effect for the repreſſing or auoyding of Horſe-ſtealing, as was expected.

Nowe for a further remedie in that behalfe, Bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon after twentie dayes next after the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall in any faire or market, ſell, giue, exchange or put away any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Coult or Fillie, vnleſſe the Towle taker there, or (where no Towle is paid) the Booke keeper, Bailiffe, or chiefe Officer of the ſame Faire or market, ſhall and will take vpon him perfect knowledge of the perſon that ſo ſhall ſell, or offer to ſell, giue or exchange any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Coult or Fillie, & of his true Chriſten name, Syrname, & place of dwelling or reſiancie, & ſhal enter all the ſame his knowledge into a booke there kept for ſale of horſes: or els, that he ſo ſelling or offring to ſell, giue, exchange, or put away any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Coult, or Fillie, ſhall bring vnto the Touletaker or other Officer aforeſaid of the ſame Faire or Market, one ſufficient & credible perſon, that can, ſhall or will teſtifie & declare vnto, & before ſuch Touletaker, Booke keeper, or other Officer, that hee knoweth the partie that ſo ſelleth, giueth, exchangeth, or putteth away ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Coult or Fillie, and his true name, Syrname, myſtery & dwelling place: And there enter or cauſe to

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be entred in the booke of the ſaid Toletaker or Officer, aſwel the true Chriſten name and Sirname, myſterie and place of dwelling, or reſiancie of him that ſo ſelleth, giueth, exchangeth, or putteth away ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt, or Fillie, as of him that ſo ſhall teſtifie or auouch his knowledge of the ſame perſon, and ſhall alſo cauſe to be entred the very true price or value that he ſhall haue for the ſame Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt, or Fillie ſo ſold. And that no perſon ſhall take vpon him to auouch, teſtifie or declare, that he knoweth the partie that ſo ſhall offer to ſell, giue, exchange, or put away ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, vnleſſe he doe in deede truely knowe the ſame partie, and ſhall truely declare to the Toltaker or other officer afore-ſaide, as well the Chriſten name, Sirname, myſterie, and place of dwelling and reſiancie of himſelfe, as of him, of, and for whom he maketh ſuch teſtimonie and auouchment. And that no Toltaker or other perſon keeping any booke of entrie of ſales of horſes in Faires or markets, ſhall take or receiue any Toll, or make entrie of any ſale, gift, exchange, or putting away of any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, vnleſſe hee knoweth the partie that ſo ſelleth, giueth, exchangeth, or putteth away any ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, and his true Chriſten name, Sirname, myſterie, and place of his dwelling or reſiancie, or the partie that ſhall and wil teſtifie and auouch his knowledge of the ſame perſon ſo ſelling, giuing, exchanging or putting away ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, and his true Chriſten name, Sirname, myſterie and place of dwelling or reſiancie, and ſhall make a perfect entrie into the ſayde booke of ſuch his knowledge of the perſon, and of the name, ſirname, myſterie and place of the dwelling or reſiancie of the ſame perſon, and alſo the true price or value that ſhalbe Bona fide taken or had for any ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie ſo ſolde, giuen, exchanged, or put away, ſo farre as he can vnderſtand the ſame, and then giue to the partie ſo buying or taking by gift, exchange or otherwiſe, ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, requiring and paying two pence for the ſame, a true and perfect note in writing of all the full contents of the ſame, ſubſcribed with his hand, on paine that euery perſon that ſo ſhall ſell, giue, exchange, or put away any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, without being knowen to the Toltaker or other officer afore-ſaid, or without bringing ſuch auoucher or witnes, cauſing the ſame to be entred as aforeſayde. & euery perſon making any vntrue teſtimonie or auouchment in the behalfe aforeſayde, and euery Toltaker, booke keeper, or other officer of Faire or Market aforeſayde, offending in the premiſſes contrary to the true meaning aforeſaid, ſhall forfait for euery ſuch default the ſumme

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of fiue pounds, but alſo that euery ſale, gift, exchange, or other putting away of any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt, Fillie, in faire or market not vſed in all poynts according to the true meaning aforeſaid, ſhalbe voyde: the one halfe of all which forfaitures to be to the Queenes Maieſtie her heires and ſucceſſors, and the other halfe to him or them that will ſue for the ſame before the Juſtices of Peace, or in any her Maieſties ordinarie Courts of Record, by bill, plaint, action of debt or information, in which no eſſoine or protection ſhalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted, that the Juſtices of Peace of euery place and Countie, as well within liberties as without, ſhall haue authoritie in their Seſſions within the limites of their authoritie and Commiſſion, to enquire, heare and determine all offences againſt this ſtatute, as they may doe any other matter triable before them. And be it further enacted, that if any Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, after twentie dayes next enſuing the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, ſhalbe ſtollen, and after ſhall be ſolde in open Faire or Market, and the ſame ſale ſhall bee vſed in all poynts and circumſtances as aforeſayde: that yet neuertheleſſe, the ſale of any ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie within ſixe moneths next after the felonie done, ſhall not take away the propertie of the owner from whom the ſame was ſtollen, ſo as claime bee made within ſixe moneths by the partie from whom the ſame was ſtollen, or by his executors or adminiſtrators, or by any other by any of their appoyntment, at, or in the towne or parish where the ſame Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie ſhall bee found, before the Maior or other head officer of the ſame towne or parish, if the ſame Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie ſhall happen to bee found in any towne corporate, or Market towne, or elſe before any Juſtice of Peace of that Countie neere to the place where ſuch Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie ſhall bee found, if it bee out of towne corporate or market towne, & ſo as proofe bee made within fortie dayes then next inſuing, by two ſufficient witneſſes to bee produced and deposed before ſuch head officer or Juſtice, (who by vertue of this Act ſhall haue authoritie to miniſter an othe in that behalfe) that the propertie of the ſame Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie ſo claimed, was in the partie, by, or for whom ſuch claime is made, and was ſtollen from him within ſixe moneths next before ſuch claime of any ſuch Horſe, Gelding, Mare, Colt or Fillie, but that the partie from whom the ſayde Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie was ſtollen, his executors or adminiſtrators, ſhall and may at all times after, notwithſtanding any ſuch ſale or ſales in any Faire or open Market thereof made, haue propertie and power to haue, take againe and enioy the ſayde

Horſe,

Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt, or Fillie, vpon payment or readineſſe, or offer to pay to the partie that ſhal haue the poſſeſſion and intereſt of the ſame Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Colt or Fillie, if hee will receiue and accept it, ſo much money as the ſame partie ſhall depoſe and ſweare before ſuch head officer or Iuſtice of Peace, (who by vertue of this Act ſhall haue authoritie to miniſter and giue an othe in that behalfe) that he paid for the ſame Bona fide, without fraud or colluſion, any lawe, ſtatute, or other thing to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that after xx. dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, not only all acceſſaries before ſuch Felonie done, but alſo all acceſſaries after ſuch Felonie, ſhall be depriued and put from all benefit of their Cleargie, as the principall by ſtatute heretofore made, is, or ought to be.

An Act for reuiuing and enlarging of a Statute made in the xxxiij. yeere of her Maieſties raigne, for repayring of Douer Hauen.

The xiij. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter in the xxiij. yeere of the raigne of our moſt Soueraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth, there was amongſt others an Acte made, that for diuers and ſundrie good conſiderations therein mentioned, a certaine payment or contribution ſhoulde bee leuied for the better furtherance and finiſhing of the harbour of Douer, towards which worke it pleaſed her Maieſtie of her highneſſe bountie to beſtowe liberally, and many her Maieſties merchants according to that Acte, haue contributed willingly large ſummes of mony which haue bene duely defraied to ſuch good purpoſe and proofe, as the officers and others of her highneſſe Royall Nauie, chaſing the enemie vpon that coaſt in Sommer laſt, can thereof beare ſufficient teſtimonie,

teſtimonie, and as to the eye of euery beholder is apparant. And for ſo much as this notwithſtanding, there wanteth yet great ſummes for finiſhing of the ſayde woꝛkes ſo well begun, as alſo for the continuall maintenance of the ſame, being a place (by ſituation in ſo naꝛow a ſtreight) greatly ſubiect to a moſt violent currant of tide: And for that diuers and ſundry great pieces of woꝛke be there yet needfully to be perfoꝛmed, the doing whereof is neceſſarily requiꝛed for ſafetie of all the reſt:

Bee it therefoꝛe enacted by authoꝛitie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde Statute and all and euery the bꝛanches, clauſes and articles therein contained, ſhalbe reuiued and haue continuance from foꝛtie dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, vnto the end of ſeuen yeeres then next and immediatly following. And bee it alſo enacted by the authoꝛitie aforeſayd, that euery Cuſtomer and Officer ſhall by vertue of this ſtatute, be in all things anſwerable and chargeable for the wilfull default oꝛ negligence of his deputie, aſſignee, oꝛ ſubſtitute, as farre foꝛth as by the ſaid foꝛmer Statute he was oꝛ ought to haue bene charged for his owne wilfull default, for, oꝛ touching any thing contained in the ſaid foꝛmer Statute.

God ſaue the Queene.

Anno xxxj. Reginæ *Elizabethæ.*

An Acte for the confirmation of the Subsidies of the *Cleargie.*

WHere the Prelates and Clergie of the Prouince of Canterburie, haue for certaine considerations louingly and liberally giuen and graunted to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, two Subsidies of six shillings of the pound, to be taken and leuied of all and singular their promotions spirituall within the same Prouince, at such dayes and times, and in such certeine maner & forme, and with such exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and conteined in a certaine Instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the Queenes Highnes, vnder the Seale of the most Reuerend Father in God, John, now Archbishop of Canterburie, and Primate of all England, which Instrument is now exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified and confirmed. The tenour whereof ensueth in these wordes:

ILlustrissimæ & serenissimæ in Christo Principi, & Dominæ nostræ clementissimæ, Dominæ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Anglię, Francię & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensori. &c. Iohannes diuina prouidentia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas & Metropolitanus, omnimodam obedientiã & subiectionem, ac felicitatẽ, & salutẽ in eo per quem Reges regnant, & Principes dominantur. Vestræ serenissimæ Regiæ sublimitati per presens publicum Instrumentum, siue has literas nostras testimoniales significamus & notum facimus, quod Prelati & Clerus nostrę Cantuariensis prouincię, in sacra Sinodo prouinciali siue conuocatione, vigore & authoritate Breuis Regij vestri in ea parte nobis directi, in domo capitulari Ecclesiæ vestræ Cathedralis diui Pauli London, quinto die mensis Februarij Anno Domini iuxta computationem Ecclesię Anglicanæ millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo octauo iam current. ex continuatione inchoata & celebrata, ac de die in diem & loco in locum vsque ad & in vltimum diem Februarij ante meridiem etiã continuat, & prorogata in Ecclesia Collegiata

legiata diui Petri Weſtm, ac poſtea eodē die poſt meridiem in Manerio de Lambeth legitime cōgregati pro quibuſdam magnis, arduis et vrgentibus cauſis per nos eis propoſitis, ac inter eos matura deliberatione ponderatis, pro defenſione regnorum & dominiorum veſtrorū, nec non & pro eorum erga veſtram Regiam ſublimitatem officio, duo vltranea ac ſpontanea & voluntaria ſubſidia veſtræ Regiæ munificentiæ vnanimi eorum conſenſu & aſſenſu dederunt & cōceſſerunt, prout tenore preſentis publici inſtrumenti (ſeriem conceſſionis huiuſmodi in ſe continent.) plenius liquet et apparet: humiliter & obnixè veſtræ Regiæ Maieſtati ſupplicantes, quatenus hęc eorum ſubſidia pro veſtra ſolita clemētia benignè accipiatis, ac bene cōſulere gratioſè dignemini. Tenor verò dictæ cōceſſionis de verbo in verbum ſequitur, & eſt talis.

The Prelates & Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, being lawfully congregated and aſſembled together in a Conuocation or Synode, conſidering their bounden dueties to your Maieſty their moſt natural and gratious ſoueraigne Lady, and hauing in remēbrance the manifold & ample benefits which they daily receiue, not only by your moſt gratious & godly gouernmēt wherby they be conſerued in peace and quietnes, and ſo more able to ſerue God, and intend to their office and vocation, but alſo, and that moſt chiefly, by the ſetting forth & aduancing of Gods moſt holy worde, and his ſincere and true religion in this your Realme, & aboliſhing of al forraine power contrary to the ſame: Conſidering alſo the great & importable charges, that your Maieſtie hath lately ſuſteyned, aſwel in the neceſſarie prouiſion of al kindes of munition, for the better fortifying both by ſea & land of your Highnes dominions, & withſtanding of forreyne inuaſion, as alſo in the prouident & needfull preuention of ſuch intended attempts, as manifeſtly tended not only to the diſturbance of our peace, but euen of the vtter ouerthrow of the preſent happy eſtate of this your Highnes Realme, to the miſerable ruine of diuers other countries aſſociate and neere adioyning, and to the extirpation and rooting out of the ſyncere profeſſion of the Goſpel of Chriſt both heere and elſe where. And finally weyghing ẏ the malice of the aduerſaries of Gods truth, ſworne enemies to your Maieſty and to the proſperity of this Realme, doeth dayly increaſe (as by many and notorious attempts haue lately appeared, eſpecially by the rare and wonderfull preparation of the Spaniſh forces, ready to haue inuaded this realme the laſt yere) whereby moſt daungerous and bloudy euents were like to haue enſued, vnleſſe by the ſpeciall goodnes of Almighty God, and by your Maieſties prouident care (as by a principall meanes) they had bene preuēted: whoſe malice yet continuing and increaſed, with remembrance of their former euill ſucceſſe doth at this preſent, and is like hereafter to put your Highnes to very great and

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inestimable expenses.

In consideration of the premisses, and for a true declaration of their bounden dueties, good hearts and minds towards your Maiestie, with one vniforme agreement, accorde and consent together, with most hearty good will haue giuen and granted, and by these presents doe giue and graunt to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, two whole and entire Subsidies in maner and forme following.

That is to say, That euery Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, maister of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any Spirituall promotion, or other Temporall possession to the same Spirituall promotion annexed, now not deuided or separated by Act of Parliament or otherwise from the possession of the Cleargie, shall pay to your highnesse, your Heires and Successours, for euery pound that he may yeerely dispend by reason of the said spirituall promotion, the summe of fiue shillings for eche of the said two Subsidies. And for the true and certaine value of all the promotions and euery of them, wherof the paiment of this Subsidie shalbe made, the Rate, Taration, Valuation, and Estimation nowe remaining of record in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the payment of a perpetuall Disme or Tenth graunted vnto your Maiesties most noble Father, in the xxvi. yere of his reigne, concerning such promotions as now be in the possession of the Cleargie, shall only be followed & obserued, without making any Valuation, Rate, Taration or Estimation, other then in the said record is comprised.

Prouided alwaies, that forasmuch as the tenth part of the said Rate and Valuation before mentioned, is yeerely paid to your Highnes for the said perpetual Disme, so as there remaineth only nine parts yeerely to the Incumbent cleare: These two Subsidies of fiue shillings the pound, shalbe vnderstanded & meant onely of euery full pound of the said nine parts, and of no more.

Prouided alwaies, that no person that hereafter shalbe promoted to any benefice or spirituall promotion, and shall compounde with your Maiestie, your heires & successors, for the first fruits of the same, after the second day of October which shal be in the yere of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundreth & ninetie, & on this side the second day of October which shall be in the yere of our Lord one thousand fiue hundreth fourescore & sixteene, shall bee contributorie or charged for the same benefice or promotion to your Highnes, your Heires or Successors with any part of these Subsidies, during the first yeere after the time of any such compounding for his first fruites.

And your Prelates & Cleargie doe also grant, that these two

Subſidies of ſix ſhillings the ful pound, of the nine parts of the yerely value of euery ſpirituall p:omotion afo:eſaid within the ſaid p:ouince tared as is afo:eſaid, ſhall with al expedition after the laſt paiment of one ſubſidie heretofo:e granted to your Highneſſe, by your ſaide P:elates and Cleargie, in the xxix. yeere of your Maieſties reigne, bee payd to your Maieſty, your Heires & Succeſſo:s, in maner & fo:me following: That is to ſay, two ſhillings of euery full poũd afo:eſaid, yerely vntil ꝑ ſame be paid. The firſt paimẽt of the fo:mer of theſe two Subſidies, to be due at the ſecõd day of October, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lo:d one thouſand fiue hundzeth foureſco:e & eleuen: And the ſecond paiment of ꝑ ſame to be due at the ii. day of October, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lo:d God, one thouſand fiue hundzeth fourſco:e & twelue: And the third paiment of the ſame to be due at the ſecond day of October, in the yere of our Lo:d, one thouſand fiue hundzed foureſco:e & thirteene. And alſo the firſt paiment of the latter of theſe two Subſidies, to be due at the ii. day of October, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lo:d, one thouſand fiue hũdzeth foureſco:e and foureteene. And the ſecond payment of the ſame to be due at the ſecond day of October, in the yeere of our Lo:d, one thouſand fiue hundzed foureſco:e and fifteene: And the laſt payment to bee due at the ſecond day of October, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lo:d, one thouſand fiue hundzeth foureſco:e and ſixteene, to be deliuered and payde yerely by ſuch perſon and perſons as in this p:eſent graunt ſhalbe appointed to haue the Collection thereof, to the Lo:d high Treaſurer, o:̃ vnder Treaſurer of England fo:̃ the time being, o:̃ to ſuch perſon o:̃ perſons, and in ſuch place o:̃ places, as ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe to appoint to be paid, at o:̃ beſo:e the two and twentieth day of Januarie, in euery of the ſaid ſix yeres, without paying any thing to the receiuer, o:̃ to any other officer o:̃ perſons to be aſſigned fo:̃ the receite thereof, fo:̃ any acquittance o:̃ other diſcharge vpon any ſuch paiment o:̃ receite of the ſaide Subſidies, o:̃ any part therof, to be giuen and deliuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke fo:̃ writing the ſame Acquitances o:̃ diſcharge fo:̃ euery of the ſame paiments.

Item, your Highnes ſaid P:elates & Cleargie alſo do grant, that euery P:ieſt & all other Eccleſiaſticall perſons, hauing any penſion payable by your Maieſtie, your Heires & Succeſſo:s, by reaſon of the diſſolution of the late Monaſteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chaũteries, Fraternities, Guilds & Hoſpitals, o:̃ of any other ſpiritual dignity o:̃ co:po:ation now diſſolued within the ſayde p:ouince of Canterburie, ſhall likewiſe pay to your Highneſſe, your heires, and Succeſſours, ſix ſhillings of euery pound of the ſaid penſions, within the ſaid firſt thzee yeres, and fiue ſhillings of euery pound of the ſaid penſions within the ſaid

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latter three yeres, at such dayes and times as are before specified. And that for sure payment thereof, deduction and detention of the same shall bee made yeerely in the hands of the payers of the saide pensions, after the rate and portion of two shillings the pound, euery of the said six yeres to be accounted for and answered to your Maiesties vse, by your Highnes receiuers and officers deputed for the paiment of such pensions, in their seuerall accounts: within the which, allowance shalbe giuen them for their paiment of euery such pensions, liable to the seuerall payments of the said two Subsidies.

Item, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie do graunt that euery priest or minister stipendary, receiuing an annuall stipend being no perpetuity, of eight pounds or aboue within the said prouince, shall pay vnto the vse of your Highnes, your heires & successors, six shillings and eight pence in euery of the said six yeres, at such time and to such persons, as the said Subsidies shalbe paid: And for default of ỳ paiment of the said stipendaries, that euery parson, vicar or other spirituall or temporall person, Proprietarie or farmour, hyring any priest or minister to serue in any place, shalbe answerable & charged for and with the paiment of ỳ said six shillings eight pence for the said priest or minister euery of the said six yeres, and shal and may make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of so much as the said stipendaries be charged with by this present grant, euery of the said fiue yeeres.

Item, your said Prelates & Cleargie do grant, ỳ euery Archbishop, Bishop, and (the Sea being void) euery Deane & Chapter of that Sea void, shalbe collectors of these Subsidies within their proper Dioces, during the said six yeres, other then of the pensionaries aforesaid: & that the said Archbishop, Bishop, or (the Sea being void) the Deane and Chapter shall certifie into your Maiesties court of Exchequer vnder their seales, the names & surnames of al such stipendarie priests & ministers within their Dioces as be chargable by this Act, at or before the said two and twentieth day of Januarie, yerely during the said six yeres.

And those stipendarie priests and ministers only shalbe reputed and taken to be chargeable by this Act, which shal be in such sort certified, vnlesse within three yeres next after such certificat exhibited, it shalbe iustly proued ỳ some are omitted that ought therein to haue ben certified. And in this case, such and so many other stipendary priests and ministers shalbe likewise accounted chargeable by this Act, as within the said three yeres shalbe so found to haue bene omitted.

And your said Prelates and cleargie do most himbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may bee enacted by your Maiestie, & your high court of Parliament (for ỳ speedie paiment of the said two subsidies, & to auoid delaies therof) that when and as often as any collector or collectors chargeable with the collection of these

Subsidies or of any part of them, or the Deputie or Deputies of any of them, shall offer the paiment of them, or any part of them, to the vse of your Maiestie, your heires or successors, to any perso or persons appointed to receiue the same by your highnes, or by the said Lord high Treasurer: that the said person or persons so appointed, shal within foure daies next after such appointment, receiue, or cause to bee receiued the money so offered to be paid, without any further delay, & deliuer one sufficient bil, testifying the receit thereof, to the said Collector or his Deputie, vpon euery such particular paiment: And that euery such Auditor as is or shall bee appointed to take or receiue the accopmt of any such Collector or Collectors, shall within fiue dayes next after request to him to be made, truly, & indifferently take the saide account, and make allowance as by this grant is appointed, vpon paine that euery such person & persons appointed to receiue the same summe or summes of money so offered, and euery such Auditor, shall lose and forfeit for euery default or delay to be made, to the Collector or Collectors so offering to make paiment or account as is aforesaid, the summe of ten pounds of lawfull money of England, the one moitie thereof to bee to your Maiestie your heires and successors, and the other moitie to the saide Collector or Collectors so grieued, the same to bee paid vpon complaint to be made to the said Lord Treasurer, vnder Treasurer, or to the Lord chiefe Baron of your Maisties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complaint shall presently examine the matter, & finding default, shal commit the offender to ward, there to remaine vntil he shall haue paid the said seuerall summes so forfeited.

And for better leuying & recouering of these Subsidies, your said Prelates & Clergie do likewise most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie and your said high court of Parliament in maner and forme, (that is to say) That euery Collector of the said Subsidies & of euery part and parcel of them, & their lawfull Deputie or Deputies, may haue ful power and authoritie to vse all such waies and meanes and processe as be prescribed in the Act of perpetual disme for the collection & leuying therof & may make account of the same, before the Lord hie Treasurer or vnder Treasurer of England for the time being, or any other officer by your Highnes or your Court of Exchequer to be appointed for the same, and in such place as your Maiestie shal likewise assigne, in such wise and after such forme only as the said Archbishop and Bishops be now charged to make account for the said perpetual Dismes & Tenth: whereby is meant, that the lacke and default of paiment of and for any Spiritual promotion or promotions, shall only charge such incumbent or incumbents, and such others as be bound to pay the same: and that the Archbishop, Bishop, and Deane & Chapiter,

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gathering that which they can receiue, & making paiment ther-
of, shall for the rest not by them receiued be discharged by their
Certificate to be made at or before the two and twentieth day of
Januarie, in euery of the saide fiue yeeres, vnto your Highnesse
Court of Exchequer: and that fiue pence of euery pound, where-
with the Collector shall be charged in this account cleerly to bee
paid into the receite of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into such
other place as shal please your Highnes to appoint, shalbe allow-
ed to the said Collector vpon his account for the same in euery of
the said fiue yeeres for the charges of the said Collection, portage,
safe conueying and paying of the said Subsidies.

And moreouer, that it may be enacted likewise, that after any
paiment of the saide Subsidie shal be once due by vertue of this
grant in any one of the said fiue yeres if any incumbent of any be-
nefice or promotion spiritual charged to the paiment of either of
the said Subsidies, being at any time after that ẏ same paiment
shalbe due, lawfully monished, either personally or at his digni-
tie, stall, Church or mansiõ house by the Archbishop or Bishop of
ẏ dioces, or his deputie or deputies, or the Deane & Chapter (the
sea being void) or by any of their deputie or deputies authorized
in that behalf, to appeare by himselfe or his deputie, at a certaine
day & place of conuenient distance to the said incumbent then to
be signified and prefixed, and then and there to pay such part of
the said Subsidies of his benefice or promotion spiritual, as thẽ
by vertue of this grant shall be due, do not either at the same day
and place so to him signified and prefixed, truly content and pay,
or cause to be contented & payed the same part of the said Sub-
sidies, which then by him shalbe due to be payed vnto the same
Archbishop or Bishop, or to his Deputie or Deputies, or to the
Deane and Chapter of any Sea being void, or to their deputie
or deputies, or to one of thẽ shewing sufficient deputation from
the said Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane & Chapter, vnder his or
their Seale in that behalfe, being ready at the same day & place
so signified and prefixed, to receiue any paiment of the said Sub-
sidies then due, & openly demanding the same, or else pay ẏ same
within xl. dayes next after any such prefixed day at ẏ furthest (so
ẏ open demand be made of the said paimẽt of the said Subsidies
in & at the said place and day before prefixed:) that then euery in-
cumbent so making default of paiment of his part of the saide
Subsidies, in any of the said fiue yeres, after such default thereof
certified into your Maiesties Exchequer in writing, vnder the
Seale & hand writing of any Archbishop or Bishop, or the com-
mon seale of the Deane & Chapter, the Sea being void, charged
with the collection of the same Subsidies, so that the said Certi-
ficate shalbe made according to the forme hereafter expressed, and

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exhibited into your Maieſties ſaid court of Exchequer, at or before the two & twentieth day of Januarie in euery of the ſaid fiue yeres, ſhall forfeit and loſe vnto your Maieſtie, your heires and ſucceſſors, all the profits which of that onely dignitie, benefice or promotion for the which he maketh ſuch default of paimēt, and whereof ſuch Certificat ſhall be made, ſhall come, grow or ariſe vnto him, (ouer and aboue the charges of ſeruing the Cure) in one whole yeere next after ſuch Certificat made and deliuered into your highneſſe Court of Exchequer, and there admitted in caſe the ſame Incumbent ſhall ſo long liue. And that euery ſuch certificat of any ſuch default of paiment, ſhalbe made according to the tenor and effect enſuing, mutatis mutandis.

Honorabilibus & egregijs viris Domino Theſaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario Illuſtriſsimæ Dominæ noſtræ Dominæ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ & Hib. Reginæ, fidei defenſoris, &c.

Veſter humilis I. permiſsione diuina L. Epiſcopus, authoritate & vigore cuiuſdam actus parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginę triceſimo primo editi & prouiſi ad colligendum & leuandum Subſidia eidem Dominæ Reginæ in eodem parliamento per Prælatos & Clerum Cantuarien. prouinciæ conceſſa: videlicet, pro prima ſolutione primi Subſidij ſoluend. ſecundo die Octobris vltimo prętcrito infra Dioceſim noſtram L. deputatus & authorizatus, omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Veſtris reuerentijs harum ſerie annuntio & certifico, me præfatum Epiſcopum modo quo præfertur deputat. & authorizat. ſufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requiſiuiſſe per N. O. deputat, meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione eccleſiaſtica, in quadam Schedula præſentibus annexa ſpecificatis, ſummas dicti Subſidij pro dictis beneficijs & promotionibus debitas pro prima ſolutione dicti Subſidij debiti ſoluend, dicto ſecundo die Octob. vltimo præterito, prout in eadem Schedula præſentibus annex. plenius liquet & apparet. Sed dictas ſummas ex cauſis in eadem ſchedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei Teſtimonium Sigillum meum præſentibus appoſui. Dat.

die menſis Anno Domini milleſimo quingenteſimo nonageſimo primo. **The forme of which ſchedule aboue mentioned enſueth.**

Ciuitas L. vel Decanatus de H. A. rector vel vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud prædict.
die vltimo præterit. per N.O, Deputatum meum ad ſoluend. apud eccleſiam de L. in commitat. R.
die. prox. ſequen. illam partem Subſidij per ipſum debitam ſecundo die Octob. vltimo prętcrito, pro promotione ſua prædicta. Sed prædict. A.B. nec apud eccleſiam de L. prædictam eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies poſtea, ſummam per ipſum debitam (vt prętfertur) ſoluit vel ſatisfecit

fecit, neque dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis & catallis dicti A.B. aliquo modo leuare ſiue recipere potui.

Prouided alwayes, that if any perſon or incumbent chargeable by this act or graunt to any payment of theſe two ſubſidies, ſhall proffer or tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to the Deane and Chapter where the Sea is voyd, or to any Deputie or Deputies of any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane and Chapter aforeſaid, at any time before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer as is aforeſaid, that then notwithſtanding the certificat made as is aforeſaid, againſt any ſuch perſon, the ſayde Incumbent or perſon, againſt whom the certificate was ſo made, ſhall and may auerre the offer or tender of his payment as is aforeſaid, and of the ſame ſhall bee tryed, either by ſufficient witneſſes before the Lord Treaſourer and Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon any iſſue thereupon to be ioyned betwixt the ſame Incumbent or any other perſon or perſons, that he or any for him did offer or tender payment of the ſumme due as aforeſaid: That then euery ſuch Incumbent ſhall haue and enioy his promotion or promotions ſtil, without forfaiture or looſing to your Maieſtie, your heires or ſucceſſors, any the profits thereof, & as though no certificat or default of ſuch payment had bene made or exhibited, any thing in this preſent graunt or act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And further, that it may be enacted likewiſe, that euery Archbiſhop & Biſhop, and Deane & Chapter of euery Sea vacant, and other perſons chargeable to & with the collection of theſe Subſidies within the ſaid prouince of Canterburie, ſhall & may haue vpon euery payment of the ſame Subſidies made to the Lord high Treaſourer or vnder Treaſourer of England for the time being, or to ſuch other perſon or perſons, in place and places, to whom and where it ſhall pleaſe your Highneſſe or your Court of Exchequer to appoynt for the receipt thereof in euery of the ſaid ſire yeres, a ſufficient acquitance, diſcharge or quietus eſt, in writing of the ſaid Lord high Treaſourer or vnder Treaſourer, or of ſuch other perſon or perſons, as either your highnes or your ſaid court of Exchequer ſhal aſſigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in ỹ like caſes it hath bin accuſtomed, the ſame acquitãce, diſcharge or quietus eſt witneſſing ỹ receit of ſo much of the ſame ſumme of ỹ ſaid ſubſidies as ſhalbe ſo receiued: and euery ſuch acquittance, diſcharge or quietus eſt in writing, ſealed & ſubſcribed with the name or names of the Lord high Treaſourer or vnder Treaſourer for ỹ time being, or of ſuch auditor or other perſon or perſõs as it ſhal pleaſe your highnes or your ſaid court of Exchequer to appoint for ỹ ſame receits, or of ſuch others as heretofore in like caſes it hath bin vſed, ſhal & may be good & effectual in the

Law, and be also as sufficient a discharge to all and euery of the said Collectors, to all such intents, constructions and purposes, as if the same were made by Act of Parliament: And that euery of the saide Collectours shall paye but onely three shillinges foure pence for euery generall and finall acquittance, discharge or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the sayde Subsidies: And if any person so alligned, shall refuse or delay to make such a generall or finall acquittance, discharge, or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the said Subsidies, or shall enquire and take for the same, any more then three shillings foure pence: Or if any other officer of the Eschequer shall require and take of any Collector or Collectors, or of his or their Deputie or Deputies, in respect of the collection, paiment, or account of the said Subsidies, or any part therof, or for expedition, or for any other cause or pretence whatsoeuer concerning the same, any Fees or sums of money, other then are before in this present Act expresly allowed vnto them, shall forfeit the summe of ten pounds of lawfull money of England, to be payd and recouered in like maner, and to the same vses, as is before limited and expressed in this statute, touching the like forfeitures of Receiuers and Auditours: And also that euery particular acquittance, which vpon paiment of any part of the same Subsidies shalbe made by any Collector or Collectors of the same Subsidies, or of any payment of them, or by his or their Deputie or Deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any person or persons contributorie and chargeable to and with the same Subsidies or any part or payment of them, shall be good and effectuall in the Lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge to euery such incumbent and other person and his benefice and promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of money as by the same acquittance shall be acknowledged to be receiued in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or any part of the same Subsidies: And that none acquittance of any other person or persons made before such certificate shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of his said Subsidies, nor of any paine, penaltie or forfeiture specified in this graunt. And to the intent it may be knowen to the Court of Eschequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery such Archbishop, Bishop or Deane and Chapter, authorized to receiue the same, and to make acquittance therof, euery Archbishop and Bishop, and Deane and Chapter of any Sea being void, shall yeerly with the certificate of the names of the stipendary Priests, certifie the names of euery the Deputies to be appointed as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, that no Collector of these Subsidies, or

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of any part of them, ſhall vſe any Proceſſe or compulſarie meanes, or exact any fees or ſummes of money for the ſame, or otherwiſe of any perſon for not paying ỹ ſaid Subſidies or any part thereof, at ſuch certaine day and place, as ſhalbe by the Collectour or his Deputie prefixed, in caſe the ſaid perſon ſhall tender the ſame vnto the Collectour or his Deputie, within tenne dayes next after ſuch prefixed day: And that the ſayd Collectors ſhall not by themſelues or any others, take of any perſon for the receipt of any ſeuerall paiment of the ſaid Subſidies, and for his acquittance thereupon, any more then foure pence, by any colour or pretext whatſoeuer.

Prouided alſo, that no Spirituall promotions, or any lands, poſſeſſions or reuenues annexed to the ſame, being charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterburie, or any goods or cattels growing, being or renuing vpon the ſame, or elſewhere apertaining to the owners of the ſaid Spirituall promotions, or to any of them, ſhalbe charged or made contributorie to any fifteene or tenth, or any other Subſidie already graunted to your Highneſſe by the Laytie, or hereafter to bee graunted, during the terme of the ſayd ſixe yeeres.

Prouided alſo that al Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Maſters, Wardens, & Prebendaries of all Cathedrall and Collegiat Churches & Colledges, or any of them within the ſaid prouince, ſhalbe charged with theſe Subſidies for thoſe poſſeſſions, reuenues & promotions only, which to their ſeuerall promotions, dignities & roomes are cleerely & diſtinctly limitted, & to their only vſe ſeuered, thereof to pay (the tenth part being deducted for either of the ſayd Subſidies) fiue ſhillings of euery full pound, in maner & fourme as is aboue rehearſed. And that all thoſe rents, poſſeſſions, profites, portions, hereditaments & Spiritual promotions, and euery of them heretofore by your Highnes, or any your Maieſties noble progenitours, or any other perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, giuen, graunted, bequeathed, deuiſed or impropried vnto the ſaid Cathedrall or Collegiat Churches or Colledges, or to any of them, which any wayes be aſſigned, imploied or vſed, either for or towards the yerely maintenance of readers of Diuinitie, poore men, Scholemaſters, Vſhers, Grammarians, Peticannons, Conducts, Vicars, Chorall Singing men, Choriſters, Vergers, Sextens, or of any other neceſſary or daily officers or miniſters, in ſuch Cathedrall or Collegiat Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifying or repayring of any of the ſame Cathedral or collegiat Churches, or Colleges, ſhall not be charged with any part of thoſe Subſidies. The certainty of which portiõs aſwel chargeable to theſe Subſidies, as not chargeable in this behalfe, ỹ Archbiſhop, or Biſhop

of the Dioces, or (the Sea being voyd) the Deane and Chapter, or any other to whome the same shall or may appertaine, vpon due search and examination, shal certifie vnder his or their seale, into your Highnes said Court of Exchequer, at or before the said xxij. day of Januarie, in euery of the said fiue yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar or other spirituall person, paying any pension, wherof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may retaine ii.s. of euery pound, of euery such pension euery yeere during the said fiue yeres, to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to pay these two Subsidies of vi.s. the pound, out of euery pound, of the whole value of his promotion, any couenant, graunt or band to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided also, and your said Prelates and Cleargie doe most humbly beseech your Highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties authoritie, and your high Court of Parliament, that where certaine landes, tenements, rents, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruits and other hereditaments, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall within the said Prouince of Canterburie, which were giuen and assigned to bee bestowed and spent, in and on finding and mainteining of certaine chaunteries, anniuersaries, obites, lights, lampes, and other like charges, intents and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late King of famous memorie, Edward the first, by the force of a Statute thereof made in the first yere of his reigne, as by the sayde Statute more plainely appeareth: That the said Cathedrall Churches, and the Bishops, Deanes or Presidents and Chapters, and Prebendaries of the same, and all other places and persons Ecclesiasticall or any of them, to whome the sayde landes, rents and other the premisses or any of them did lately appertaine, shall not during the sayd fiue yeeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsidie, of and for that part and portion of lands, tenements, rents, spirituall promotions and other hereditaments, or any of them, whereunto the sayd late King, by force of the sayde statute, was intituled or possessed of, nor of any yeerely rentes or payments, going out of the said Cathedral Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayde: And that deduction and allowance thereof be made to them, & euery of them accordingly, in and vpon euery payment of the sayde Subsidies out of the whole value, taration & estimation made for the paiment of the saide perpetuall disme or tenth, remaining of record in your Highnesse Court of Exchequer as aforesayde, for the rate and portion of landes, tenements, rents, spirituall promotions and other hereditaments,

ditaments, and thoſe yeerely payments, whereunto the ſaid late King was intituled or poſſeſſed of, or which ſince the making of the ſaid ſtatute, by reaſon that they haue bene founde as lands, tenements, rents, tithes, or other hereditaments concealed from the ſaid late King Edward ỳ firſt, the late King Henry the eight, the late Queene Mary, or any of them, or from your Maieſtie, or otherwiſe are ſeuered from the poſſeſſions of the ſaide Cathedrall Churches and other places and perſons aforeſaid, or of any of them, by force of the ſtatute premiſed, or any otherwiſe.

Prouided alſo, that theſe two Subſidies granted by the Clergie, ſhal not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, houſe of ſtudents or College ſituate or ſet within either of the Vniuerſities of Cambridge or Oxford, or any benefice, landes or other reuenues vnto the ſayde Vniuerſities or either of them, or to any houſe of ſtudents or College in any of the ſame Vniuerſities vnited, appropriated or appertayning, or out of any benefice, lands or reuenues of the Colledge of Windſor, or of the Colledge of Weſtminſter, being of your Maieſties foundation, or of the Colledge of Eaton nigh Windſor, or of the Colledge called S. Maries Colledge by Wincheſter, founded by William Wickham, ſometime Biſhop of Wincheſter, or of any Hoſpitals, almes houſes or Grammer ſchooles, or of any Church, benefice or other reuenues to the ſayde Colledges, Hoſpitals, Almes houſes, or Grammer ſchooles, or to any of them annexed, appropriated or otherwiſe appertaining.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parſons, Vicars, and other Eccleſiaſticall perſons, whoſe benefices are not aboue vi.li. xiii.s. and iiii.d. by yeere, after the taxation aforeſaid, ſhall not be charged with theſe two Subſidies, or any part of the ſame.

Prouided alſo, that euery Vicar, whoſe benefice is eight pounds or aboue, and not aboue ten pounds by the yeere, after the taxtion aforeſaid, ſhall pay euery yeere of the ſaid fiue yeeres onely, fiue ſhillings eight pence for his part of the ſaide Subſidies, as ſtipendarie Prieſtes bee charged to pay by force of this graunt and not otherwiſe: And if it be vnder eight pounds, he ſhall not be charged with any part of the ſaid Subſidies.

Prouided alſo, that euery Prieſt, and all other Eccleſiaſticall or late religious perſons, hauing a penſion by reaſon of the diſſolution of the late Monaſteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guilds and Hoſpitals, or any other Incorporation within the Prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, and being of the ſumme of fiue pounds or vnder, and not aboue, ſhall not bee charged or chargeable for any ſuch penſion: Any thing conteyned in this graunt to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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And for the ſure and true payment of theſe two Subſidies graunted by your layde Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect and true meaning of this preſent graunt, your layd Prelates and Cleargie moſt humbly deſire your Highneſſe, that this their layd gift, graunt and Subſidies, and euery matter, ſumme of money, petition, clauſe, prouiſions, and ſentences in this Inſtrument conteined concerning the layde Subſidies, may be ratified, eſtabliſhed and confirmed by the authoritie of your Highnes Court of Parliament:

In quorum omnium & ſingulorum præmiſſorum fidem & teſtimonium, nos Iohannes Archiepiſcopus Cantuarienſis antedictus, has præſentes literas noſtras teſtimoniales, ſiue hoc preſens publicum inſtrumentum, ad humilem rogatum Prælatorum & Cleri Prædict. Sigilli noſtri appenſione ac ſigno, nomine, ſubſcriptione Thomæ Redman notarij publici, fecimus & iuſſimus communiri. Dat. dicto vltimo die menſis Februarij. An. Dom. iuxta computationem Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ milleſimo quingenteſimo octogeſimo octauo, Regnique veſtri fæliciſſimi anno triceſimo primo, & noſtræ tranſ. anno ſexto.

Wherefore for the true and ſure paiment of the ſaid Subſidie graunted by the ſaid Prelates and Clergie of the ſaide Prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, effect and true meaning of the ſaid Inſtrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that the layde gift, grant, and euery matter, ſumme of money, petition, prouiſion, clauſe, and ſentence in the ſame Inſtrument conteined, ſhall ſtand and be ratified, eſtabliſhed and confirmed by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament.

And further be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that euery perſon that ſhall bee appoynted to the collection and gathering of the ſaid Subſidies, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to leuie, take and perceiue the ſaid Subſidie by the authoritie of the cenſures of the Church, that is to ſay, by Suſpenſion, Excommunication or Interdiction, and alſo by ſequeſtration of the fruites and profites of their Benefices and promotions Spirituall, in whoſe handes ſoeuer they be, and to make ſale of the ſame fruites, without danger of the Lawes of this Realme, or by diſtreſſe vpon the poſſeſſions of the Farmours or occupiers of the Landes and Tenements chargeable by the layde Inſtrument, for or to the payment of any ſumme or ſummes of money to be due by force therof or otherwiſe, by the diſcretion of the Collector therof. And that no repleuie, prohibition or Superſedeas

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ſhall be allowed or obeyed for any perſon or perſons making default of the payment of the ſaid Subſidies, contrary to the tenor of the graunt thereof, vntil ſuch time as they haue truely ſatiſfied and contented all ſuch part and portions as to them in that behalfe appertaineth. And that euery ſuch Farmour and Farmours, their executors and aſſignes that ſhall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the ſayde Subſidie, or any part thereof, ſhall by the authoritie aforeſayde, bee allowed, and reteine in his hands as much of his yerely rent and Farme, as the ſumme which he ſhall fortune to pay for his Lord or Leaſor ſhall extend vnto, except that the ſaid Farmor or Farmors, their executors or aſſignes, by the Leaſe and graunt that they haue of any part of the lands, tithes, profites, tenements chargeable to the ſaide Subſidie, or by force of any couenant or article therein conteined, be bounde and charged to paye the ſame, and thereof to diſcharge the Leaſſor and Landlord, during the terme mentioned in the ſaid Leaſe.

And likewiſe bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that whereas diuers Curats liable to this Subſidie, being oftentimes remoueable, doe ſerue as well in diuers Impropriations belonging to the Queenes Maieſtie, as in other ſpirituall promotions belonging to other perſons, that for the ſpeedie recouerie of the ſaide Subſidie it may bee lawfull to the Collector or Collectors of the ſaide Subſidie, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the ſaide Subſidie vpon the Farmour or Farmours or occupiers of all ſuch Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, by all cenſures of the Church aforeſaide and euery of them, or by way of diſtreſſe of Tithes of the ſayde Impropriation or Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, or otherwiſe vpon the goods and chattels of the ſaide Farmour or Farmours and occupiers: in which caſe no Inhibition, prohibition, repleuie or other proceſſe awarded to the contrary ſhall be obeyed, any Lawe, ſtatutes, priuileges or cuſtomes to the contrary hereof heretofore made, graunted or vſed, or hereafter to bee made, granted or vſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And that it may be lawfull to the Collectors and the Officers and miniſters of ſuch Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Deane and Chapter, for not payment of the ſayd Subſidie, after the ſame ſhall be due in any of the ſayde fiue yeeres, to priſe and value the ſaid diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes by two indifferent neighbours by him to be choſen, and the diſtreſſe or diſtreſſes ſo priſed to ſell, and therof to deteine ſo much money as ſhall amount to the ſumme payable to the Queenes Maieſtie, with the reaſonable charges alſo of the ſayd Collectour ſuſtained in that behalfe, and the reſt of the money made of the ſayd diſtreſſe to be deliuered and payed to

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the owner and occupier thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery lay person hauing Spiritual promotion chargeable by this Act, and also hauing Temporall possessions, goods, chattels and debtes, charged to the sayd Subsidies graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie, shall bee tared, charged and set for his sayd spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and his Temporall possessions and chattels reall with the Temporaltie, and not otherwise: Any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all and euery graunt and graunts of all and euery summe and summes of money graunted, or which hereafter shall be graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the Cleargie of the Prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect in all things, as the sayd graunt made by the sayd Prouince of Canterburie, and shall be tared, certified, collected, leuied, gathered and payde, according to the tenour, fourme and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intents, constructions and purposes, in such maner and forme, as though it were specially, plainely, and particularly expressed and rehearsed in this present Acte by expresse wordes, termes and sentences in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that al Prouisions before rehearsed, contained or to be contayned in the sayde graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterburie, and the like of the same Prouisoes hereafter to be contained in the graunt of the Prelates & Cleargie of the Prouince of Yorke, shall be good and effectuall, and be obserued and kept in euery poynt and Article according to the true purport and meaning of the same.

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Anno xxxj. Reginæ *Elizabethæ.*

An Acte for the graunt of two entire Subsidies, and foure *Fifteenes and Tenths, granted* by the Temporaltie.

Most gratious soueraigne, when we enter into due consideration of the most Princely and prouident course of gouernmẽt which your most excellẽt Maiestie hath hitherto held eue̅ since your first entrie into the possession of this Crowne, in preserving this Realme in a perpetuall peace and quietnesse, free from all forraine inuasions, notwithstanding the sundry attempts, aswell by open great forces many times prepared & bent against this Realme, as by continuall practises, conspiracies, and plots laide by your Highnesse enemies abroad, and by Rebels at home, which manifestly tended not onely to the interruption of the happie peace and repose of vs your humble Subiects and this your Highnesse Realme and other your Dominions, but also to the vtter subuersion thereof and ruine of the same: In all which your Maiesties most noble actions, we haue seene a most notable natural disposition of your Maiestie, at no time to haue attempted by inuasion of any your enemies countries to haue possessed the same, as your Maiestie we know might many times haue done very readily, and also iustly, in respect of the hostile attempts, so often offered both against your owne Royall person, and your dominions, which course we doe certainly know your Maiestie hath followed, in respect that your continuall purpose was to preserue vs in a peace at home, by your prouident maner of defence of your Dominions and Countries, against open inuadours. And vpon these and many moe like considerations, and obseruations of your wise and happie gouernment, wee doe further also consider, howe for the accomplishing of these your Honourable and Princely actions, the great and infinite charges

your Maieſtie hath ſuſteined, and that eſpecially the laſt yeere, in preparing and mainteining ſo long time ſo puiſſant an armie by Sea, beſides the forces aſſembled by land, for the withſtanding the two great and mightie armies prepared, the one in the Lowe Countries, and the other brought forth out of Spaine, with intent by their mightie ioynt forces farre exceeding all other in any memorie of man, to haue made a full bloodie conqueſt of this Realme, had not the ſame bene preuented through the ſingular, yea miraculous goodnes of almightie God, & your Highneſſe ſaide great preparations and forces, in charge & puiſſance aboue all former prepared in this Realme, at any times in our memorie, for the withſtanding of the ſame. We therfore your Maieſties moſt humble, loyal, and louing Subiects, as well in regarde of the humble duetie we owe vnto your moſt excellent Maieſtie, vnder whoſe gracious and princely gouernment we haue receiued ſo many and ſingular benefites, as well ſpirituall and temporall, as alſo the naturall care we ought to haue of our owne particular preſeruation, hauing due conſideration both of the puiſſance ioyned with extreeme malice of your Maieſties enemies, which alſo we haue good cauſe to thinke to be increaſed through the great deſtrate they receaued in their late enterpriſes by them accoſted inuincible, cannot but preſent vnto your moſt excellent Maieſtie with all lowlineſſe and humilitie, beſides the ſeruice of our bodies, with all our worldly power, ſome contribution in way of Subſidie, out of our lands & goods, as in part of an acknowledgment of our humble duetie vnto your Highneſſe, toward the bearing of ſome part of the great and infinite charge your Maieſtie hath already ſuſtained, and is like hereafter to ſuſteine, in the withſtanding of ſuch forcible and malicious attempts, as it is not to be doubted but that your ſaide enemies will doe their vttermoſt to put in execution, with the forces and aides of all their confederats. And for that we doe perceiue, that the granting onely of ſuch an ordinarie Subſidie, to be leuied as hath bene commonly vſed in former times of ſmaller dangers, is in no wiſe ſufficient and anſwerable, to the vnuſuall and great charges ſuſteined & to be ſuſteined by your Maieſtie for theſe ſo great actions neceſſarie to be taken in hand, to withſtand ſuch extraordinarie forces of ſo many mightie enemies, as haue bene ſeene this laſt yeere, both by land and ſea, and are by forſight in wiſedome to be as greatly doubted, both this yeere to come, and in time following (we knowe not how long) vnleſſe the Almightie God ſhall be pleaſed to diſappoint & make fruſtrate the attempts of your Maieſties enemies, as at all times hitherunto of his ſingular fauour he hath done: Therefore after very good deliberation, we with our very prompt and

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bolumtarie good wils haue accoꝛded and conſented, and by this preſent Act in Parliament, doe with all humilitie yeeld and preſent to your Maieſtie, two entire Subſidies and foure fifteenes and tenths, towards your Maieſties charges foꝛ our defence in maner hereafter following. And we doe alſo moſt humbly beſeech your Maieſtie that it may be enacted by authoꝛitie of this preſent Parliament, that your Maieſtie ſhall haue foure fifteenes and Tenths to be paied, taken, and leuied, of the mooueable goods, catteis, and other things, vſuall to ſuch Fifteenes and Tenthes to bee contributoꝛie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boꝛoughs, Townes, and other places of this your Maieſties Realme, in maner and foꝛme aforetime vſed, except the ſumme of xxtiii. thouſand pounds thereof fully to be deducted, that is to ſay, fiue thouſand pounds of euery of the ſaide whole Fifteenes and Tenths, in reliefes, comfoꝛt and diſcharge of the pooꝛe Townes, Cities, and Boꝛoughs of this your ſaide Realme waſted, deſolate oꝛ deſtroied, oꝛ ouer greatly impouerished, after ſuch rate as was and hath aforetime this time bene had & made to euery ſhire. And to be deuided in ſuch maner and foꝛme, as heretofoꝛe foꝛ one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath bene had and deuided. And the ſaide foure Fifteenes and Tenths (the exception and deduction aforeſaid thereupon had, deducted and allowed) to be paid in maner and foꝛme following, that is to ſay, the firſt whole Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be paid to your Highneſſe in the receipt of your Highneſſe Exchequier, on oꝛ before the 1. day of November next comming. And the ſaid ſecond Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be paid to your Highneſſe in the ſaid receipt of your Exchequer, on oꝛ before the tenth day of November, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand fiue hundreth and ninetie. And the ſaid third Fifteene and Tenth, (except before excepted) to be paied to your Highneſſe in the ſaid receipt of your Exchequier, on oꝛ before the 1. day of November, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God 1591. And the ſaide fourth Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be paied to your Highneſſe in the ſaide receipt of your Exchequer, on oꝛ before the tenth day of November, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1592.

And be it further enacted by the authoꝛitie aforeſaid, that the Knights elected & returned, of, and foꝛ the Shires within this Realme, foꝛ this preſent Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeſſes of Boꝛoughs and Townes, where Collectoꝛs haue bene vſed to be named and appointed foꝛ the collection of any Fifteen and Tenth before this time granted, ſhall name and appoint before the tenth day of Auguſt next comming, ſufficient and able perſons to bee Collectoꝛs, foꝛ the collection of the ſaide firſt

fifteene and Tenth. And alſo ſhall likewiſe name and appoint before the tenth day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundreth, and ninetie, other ſufficient and able perſons, to be Collectors for the collection of the ſecond fifteene and Tenth. And alſo ſhall likewiſe name and appoint before the tenth day of Auguſt, which ſhall bee in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundreth, ninetie and one, other ſufficient and able perſons to be Collectors for the collection of the third fifteene and Tenth. And alſo ſhall likewiſe name and appoint before the tenth day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundreth, ninetie and two, other ſufficient and able perſons to be Collectors for the collection of the fourth fifteene and Tenth in euery of the ſaide Shires, Cities, Boroughs and Townes: The ſaide perſons then hauing lands, tenements, and other hereditaments in their owne right, of an eſtate of inheritance, of the yeerely value of twentie poumds, or in goods, woorth two hundred pounds at the leaſt, after ſuch rate and value as he ſhal be rated at in the Subſidie booke, if any ſuch be in the ſaid limits. And for want of ſuch ſo aſſeſſed, that thoſe ſhall be appointed Collectors that then ſhall be rated and tared in the Subſidie booke, in lands or goods neereſt to the values aforeſaid.

And alſo ſuch perſon and perſons ſo by them to bee named, and appointed, for the collection of the ſaide foure Fifteenes and Tenthes, ſhall bee by them ſeuerally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs, and Townes.

And alſo the ſaid perſons ſo named and appointed for the collection of the ſaide ſeuerall Fifteenes and Tenthes, ſhall be ſeuerally charged and chargeable, vpon his or their account or accounts in the Exchequer to bee made, with all ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money, as the Hundreds, Rapes, Wapētakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes, where he or they ſhall ſo happen to be appointed ſhall amount vnto, & of no more ſumme or ſummes: And vpon the paiment of ſuch ſummes of money, as hee or they ſhall be ſo charged with, ſhall be diſcharged, & haue his and their Quietus eſt, the not accounting or non paiment of any other his fellowes, or the inſufficiencie of them, or any of them notwithſtanding. And the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſaid Collectors, for the ſaide firſt fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the ſaide Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, for the Shires, Cities and Boroughs whereunto they be allotted, named and returned, ſhall certifie before the Queenes Maieſtie in her Chancerie, before the tenth daye of September next comming: And likewiſe the names

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and ſurnames of euery of the ſaide Collectors to be named and appointed for the collection of the ſaid ſecond Fifteene & Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the ſaid Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes, ſhall likewiſe certifie into the ſaide Court of Chauncerie before the tenth day of September, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, and nintie. And likewiſe the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſaide Collectors ſo to be named and appointed for the collection of the ſaid third Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the ſaid Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes ſhall likewiſe certifie into the ſaide Court of Chauncerie, before the tenth day of September, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God 1591. And likewiſe the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſaid Collectors ſo to be named and appointed for the collection of the ſaid fourth Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their collection and charge, the ſaide Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes ſhall likewiſe certifie vnto the ſaide Court of Chauncerie, before the tenth day of September, which ſhal be in the yeere of our Lord God 1592. according to the tenour of this Acte. And if default of any ſuch certifying be had or made in forme as is aforeſaide, then the Lorde Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, ſhal immediatly after, name and appoint Collectors for the collection of euery of the ſaide Fifteenes and Tenths in ſuch like maner and fourme as the ſaide Knights of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeſſes of Boroughs ſhould haue done, and as aforetime hath bene vſed. The which ſaid Collectors and euery of them ſo to be named and appointed as is aforeſaid, ſhall haue allowance vpon their accõpes for their fees, wages and rewardes for the collection of the ſaide Fifteenes and Tenths, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collector or Collectors of any Fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any ſeaſon in time paſt. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the time being, ſhall and may from time to time award ſuch proceſſe for the ſpeedie paiment of the ſaide ſeuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, againſt the Collector or Collectors of the ſame, as by their diſcretions ſhall be thought conuenient.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſaid Lorde Chancellour or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, Knights of the Shire, Citizens of the Cities, Burgeſſes of Boroughs, townes and other places hauing authoritie by this preſent Acte to nominate the ſaide Collectors, of or for the collection of the ſaide ſeuerall Fifteenes and Tenths, ſhall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by authoritie of this preſent Parliament ſuf-

ficient recognizances or obligation, of euery perſon, ſo by them to be named, to be bound to the Queenes Maieſtie in the double ſumme of the ſumme of their collection, and to be indorſed vpon ſuch condition, that if the ſame Collector and Collectors of the ſaide firſt Fifteene and Tenth, and likewiſe the Collector or Collectors of the ſaide ſecond Fifteene and Tenth, and likewiſe the Collector or Collectors of the ſaid third Fifteene and Tenth, and likewiſe the Collector or Collectors of the ſaide fourth Fifteene and Tenth, doe truly content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie in her receipt of Exchequer for the ſaide firſt Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the ſaide tenth day of Nouember next comming, and for the ſaide ſecond Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the ſaide tenth day of Nouember, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred and ninetie, and for the ſaid third Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the ſaid tenth day of Nouember, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, ninetie and one, and for the ſaide fourth Fifteene & Tenth, at or before the ſaide tenth day of Nouember, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1592. ſo much of the ſaid ſumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as the ſame Collector ſhall haue collected and gathered, and doe likewiſe after the ſaide tenth day of Nouember next comming, and the ſaide tenth day of Nouember, which ſhal be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, and ninetie, & the ſaid tenth day of Nouember, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God, 1591. and the ſaid tenth day of Nouember, which ſhal be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1592. content & pay to the Queenes Maieſties vſe at the ſame receipt of the Exchequer, the reſidue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after ſuch time as he ſhall haue gathered & collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſaid recognizance or obligation to be voide, or elſe to ſtand in his full ſtrength and power, which recognizance or obligation ſo taken, the ſame Knights of the ſhire, Citizens and Burgeſſes, and euery of them, taking any ſuch recognizance or obligation, ſhall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Treaſurer, and Barons of the ſame Exchequer, before the ſame tenth day of Nouember next comming, and tenth day of Nouember, which ſhal be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, and ninetie, and x. day of Nouember, which ſhal be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1591. and tenth day of Nouember, which ſhal be in the yere of our Lord God, 1592. vpon paine of forfeiture of ten pounds to the Queenes Highneſſe for euery recognizance or obligation ſo to be taken and not certified. And that euery ſuch Collector vpon requeſt to him made, ſhall make and knowledge the ſame recognizance or obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiture

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of xx. pounds to the Queene for his refusal thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon payment of the said collection at the dayes, shal cancel and deliuer the said recognizance or obligation to the said collectour or collectours without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be paide to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the great and waightie considerations aforesaide, we the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, doe by our like assent and authoritie of this Parliament, giue & graunt to your highnesse our saide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heires & successors, two entire Subsidies to be rated, tared, leuied and paid at foure seuerall payments of euery person Spirituall and Temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be of, according to the tenour of this Act, in maner and forme following, that is to say, as well of euery person borne within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Queenes Dominions, as of all and euery fraternitie, guild, corporation, mysterie, brotherhood and comminaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Queenes Dominions, being worth three pounds, for euery pound as well in coyne, and the value of euery pound, that euery such person, fraternitie, guild, corporation, mysterie, brotherhood & communaltie corporate or not corporate hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of marchandize, all maner of corne & graine, houshold stuffe, and of all other goods moueable, as well within this Realme as without, and of all such summes of money, as to him or them is or shall bee owing, whereof hee or they trust in his or their conscience, surely to bee paide, except and out of the premisses deducted, such summes of money as hee or they owe, and in his or their conscience intendeth truely to pay, and except also the apparell of euery such persons, their wiues and children, belonging to their owne bodies, sauing iewels, gold, siluer, stone & pearle, shall pay to and for the first paiment of the said first Subsidie, xx. pence of euery pound, and to and for the second payment of the said first Subsidie, xii. pence of euery pound, and to and for the first payment of the said second Subsidie xx.d. of euery pound, and to and for the second payment of the saide second Subsidie, xii. pence of euery pound. And also euery Alien and stranger borne out of the Queenes obeisance, as well denizen as others inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that he or they shall haue in coyne, and the value of euery pound in plate, corne, graine, marchandize, houshold stuffe or other goods, iewels, cattels, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforesaid, as well within this Realme, as without,

out and of all ſummes of money to him or them owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience to be paid, except and out of ỹ ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money which he or they doe owe, and in his or their conſcience or conſcaences intended truely to pay, ſhall pay of and for euery pound, to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie, three ſhillings foure pence, and to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, two ſhillings of euery pound, and to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaide ſecond Subſidie, three ſhillings foure pence, and to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſaide ſecond Subſidie, two ſhillings of euery pound. And alſo that euery Alien and ſtranger borne out of the Queenes Dominions, being Denizen or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aboueſaid, and being of the age of ſeuen yeeres or aboue, ſhall pay to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie, iiii.d. and to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſayde firſt Subſidie, iiii.d. for euery pole, and to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie, iiii.d. and to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie, iiii.d. for euery pole, and the maſter or he or ſhe with whome the ſame Alien is, or ſhall be abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations therof, to be charged with the ſame for the lacke of paiment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that euery perſon borne vnder the Queenes obeiſance, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, myſterie, brotherhood and communaltie corporate or not corporate, for euery pound that euery of the ſame perſons, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, myſterie, brotherhood, and communaltie, corporate or not corporate, or any other to his or their vſe, hath in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardſhip, or by copie of court roll, of and in any Honors, Caſtles, Manors, Landes, Tenements, rents, ſeruices, hereditaments, annuities, fees, corrodies or other yeerely profits, of the yeerely value of xx.s. aſwell within ancient demeſne and other places priuiledged, as elſe where, and ſo vpward, ſhall pay to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie, ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pound. And to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, xvi.d. of ỹ for euery pound, and to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie, ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pound, and to and for the ſecond payment of the ſaide ſeconde Subſidie, xvi.d. of and for euery pound. And euery Alien, Denizen or not Denizen borne out of the Queenes obeiſance, in ſuch caſe to pay at the firſt of the ſaide paiments of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, v.s. iiii.d. of euery pound, & at the ſecond paiment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pound. And that all ſummes preſented and chargeable

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by this Acte, either for goods and debtes, or either of them, or for lands and tenements, and other the premisses, as in this Acte conteined shall be at euery of the saide paiments, set and taxed after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Acte, (lands & tenements chargeable to the dismes of the Clergie, and yeerely wages due to seruants for their yeerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruants taking yeerely wages of fiue pounds or aboue, only excepted and foreprised) And that al plate, coyne, iewels, goods, debts and cattels, personals, being in the rule and custodie of any person or persons to the vse of any corporation, fraternitie, guild, mysterie, brotherhood or any communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be, and shall be rated, set and charged by reason of this Acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, of euery pound in goods and debts as is aboue saide. And of euery pound in lands, tenements, annuities, fees, corrodies and other yeerely profits as is aboue said. And the summes that are aboue rehearsed, set and taxed, to bee leuied and taken of them that shall haue such goods in custodie, or otherwise charged for lande, as is before rehearsed, and the same person or persons, and body corporate by authoritie of this Acte, shall be discharged against him or them, that shall or ought to haue the same at the time of the paiment, or deliuerie thereof, or at his other wise departure from the custodie or possession of the same: Except and alwaies foreprised from the charge and assessment of this subsidie, all goods, cattels, iewels and ornaments of Churches and Chappels, which haue bene ordeined and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of Almightie God. And the first paiment of the saide first subsidie shall be by authoritie aforesaid taxed, assessed and rated, according to this acte, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne and euery other place, within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the first day of October next comming. And the second paiment of the saide first subsidie shall be by the authoritie aforesaide taxed, assessed and rated, before the first day of October, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand fiue hundred and ninetie. And the first paiment of the saide second subsidie, shall be by the authoritie aforesaid taxed, assessed and rated according to this act in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne and euery other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the first daye of October, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred ninetie and one. And the second paiment of the said second subsidie, shall bee by the authoritie aforesaid, taxed, assessed and rated,

ted, before the firſt day of October, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie and two. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſaide, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for and to the firſt paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie to be tared and ſet by the Commiſſioners, to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, & in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Eſchequer, before the firſt day of November next comming. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for and to the ſecond payment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, to be tared and ſet by the Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors: and in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Eſchequer, before the firſt day of November, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand, fiue hundred and ninetie. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforeſaid, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for and to the firſt paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie, to be tared and ſet by the Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer before the firſt day of November, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie and one. And the particular ſummes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſaide, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable for and to the ſecond paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie to be tared and ſet by the Commiſſioners, to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the firſt day of November, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand fiue hundred ninetie and two. And the ſaid ſummes in forme aforeſaide to be tared, to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie, ſhall be paide into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforeſaid, to be vſed of our ſaid Soueraigne Lady, at or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand fiue hundred fourteene and nine. And the ſaid ſummes in maner and forme aforeſaid, to be tared for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid firſt Subſidie, ſhall be paide into the receipt aforeſaide, to the vſe aforeſaide, at or before the twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred and ninetie: And the ſaide

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abouеſaid, of and for the ſaide Subſidie, ſhall be tared, ſet, aſſeſſed
and demanded, taken, gathered, leuied, and paide, to the vſe of
our ſaid Soueraigne Ladie, her heires and ſucceſſors, in forme
abouеſaid, aſwell within the Liberties, Franchiſes, Sanctua-
ries, ancient demeſne, and other whatſoeuer places exempt or
not exempt, as without: Except ſuch ſhires, places and perſons,
as ſhall be forepriſed in and by this preſent Acte, any grant, char-
ter, preſcription, vſe or libertie, by reaſon of any letters patents,
or other priuiledge, preſcription, allowance of the ſame, or what-
ſoeuer other matter of diſcharge heretofore to the contrarie
made, granted, vſed or obteined notwithſtanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Par-
liament, that euery ſuch perſon, as well ſuch as be borne vnder
the Queenes obeiſance, as euery other perſon, ſtranger borne,
Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme or
within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, which at the
time of the ſaid aſſeſſings or tarations, or of euery of them, to be
had or made, ſhall be out of this Realme, or out of Wales, & haue
goods, cattels, landes or tenements, fees or annuities, or other
profits, within this Realme, or in Wales, ſhall be charged and
chargeable for the ſame by the Certificate of the inhabitants of
the place where ſuch goods, cattels, lands, tenements, or other
the premiſſes then ſhall be, or in ſuch other place, where ſuch per-
ſon or his Factor, Deputie, or Attourney ſhall haue his moſt re-
ſort vnto, within this Realme or in Wales, in like maner, as if
the ſaid perſon were or had bene at the time of the ſaide aſſeſſing
within this Realme. And that euery perſon abiding or dwel-
ling within this Realme, or without this Realme, ſhall be char-
ged or chargeable to the ſame Subſidies granted by this Acte,
according and after the rate of ſuch yeerely ſubſtance, or value of
landes or tenements, goods, cattels, and other the premiſſes,
as euery perſon ſo to be charged ſhall be ſet at, at the time of the
ſaide aſſeſſing or taration vpon him to be made, and none other-
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had, the Lord Chancellour of England, or the Lorde Keeper of the great Seale, the Lorde Treasurer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties houshold, the Lorde Admirall of England, the Lorde Chamberlaine of the Queenes most honorable houshold for the time being, or two of them at ꝑ least, whereof the Lorde Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, shall and may name, and appoint of and for euery Shire, Riding, and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as also of and for euery Citie and Towne, being a Countie of it selfe, and of and for the Ile of Wight, such certaine number of persons of euery of the same shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Ile of Wight, and euery other place, as they shal thinke conuenient, to be Cõmissioners of & within the same place, whereof they be inhabitants. And also of & for the Honorable houshold of the Queenes Maiestie, in what shire or other place the said houshold shall happen then to be. And the Lorde Chancellour, or Lorde Keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name & appoint of euery other such Borough & Townes corporate, as well in England, as in Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, as they shal thinke requisite, fiue, foure, three or two of the head officers, and other honest inhabitants of euery the said Cities, Boroughs and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same. The which persons, if any such be thereunto named, of the said inhabitants of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties of themselues, shal be ioyned & put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shires & Ridings, as the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties in themselues, be set, and haue their being, which persons so named, for & of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon thẽ, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the said Boroughs and Townes corporate, wherein they be so named only, nor to execute the said Commission, within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such daies and times, as the saide other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shal thereunto limit and appoint within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne. And in that maner to be aiding and assisting with the saide other Commissioners, in and for the good executing of the effect of the saide Commission, vpon paine of euery of

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the ſaid Commiſſioners ſo named for euery ſuch Citie, Borough and Towne corporat, not being a Countie, to make ſuch fine, as the ſaide other Commiſſioners in the commiſſion of and for the ſame Shire or Riding ſo named, or three of them at the leaſt, ſhall by their diſcretion ſet and certifie into the Queenes Eſchequer, there to be leuied to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, in like maner, as if ſuch or like ſummes had bene ſet and rated, vpon euery ſuch perſon for the ſaide Subſidies: The which Commiſſioners ſo named, of and for the ſaide Cities, Boroughs and Townes not being Counties, and onely put into the ſaide commiſſion, by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhall not haue any part of the portion of the fees and rewardes of the Commiſſioners and their clarkes, in this Acte afterward ſpecified and allowed. And the Lorde Chancellour of England, or the Keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, ſhal make and direct out of the court of the Chancerie vnder the great Seale, ſeuerall commiſſions, that is to ſay, for euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Ile and houſhold, vnto ſuch perſon and perſons, as by his diſcretion, or any of the other with him before named and appointed, as is before rehearſed, ſhall be thought ſufficient for the ſelling and leuying of the ſaide two Subſidies, in all Shires and places according to the true meaning of this Acte: Which commiſſion for the firſt paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie, ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſaide Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of Auguſt next comming. And the commiſſion for the ſeconde paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſaide Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand, fiue hundred and ninetie. And the commiſſion for the firſt paiment of the ſaide ſecond Subſidie, ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſaide Commiſſioners, or to one of them before the twentieth day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1591. and the commiſſion for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid ſecond Subſidie ſhall be directed and deliuered to the ſaid Commiſſioners or to one of them before the xx. day of Auguſt, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, 1592. And to euery of the ſaid commiſſioners, ten ſcedules conteining in them the tenour of this Act, ſhalbe affiled, by the which commiſſion, the commiſſioners in euery ſuch commiſſion, named according to this Acte, and as many of them as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid commiſſion, ſhall haue full power and authoritie to put the effect of the ſame commiſſion in execution.

And that by authoritie of this act, after ſuch commiſſion to thē directed, they may by their aſſents & agreements, ſeuer thēſelues

for the execution of their Commission in Hundreds, Lathes, Wards, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limits of their said Commission, in such forme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, according to the tenor and effect of the commission to them therein directed, vpon which seuerance, euery person of this present Parliament, that shall be Commissioner, shall be assigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwaies, ꝙ no person be or shal be compelled to be any commissioner, to ꝛ for the execution of this present Act, but only in ꝙ shire where he dwelleth ꝛ inhabiteth. And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shal be named, limitted and appointed according to this Act to be Commissioners in euery such Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said houshold, or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for their parts execute the effect of this present Act, according to the tenor thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise, by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice or any other thing, to be attempted or done by them, or any of thē, to the contrary thereof.

And the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said commission, ꝛ none other, for the execution of the said commission and Act, shal for the taration of the said first paiment of the saide first Subsidie, before the last day of August next comming, ꝛ for the taration of ꝙ saide second paiment of the said first Subsidie, shall before the first day of August, which shal be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1590. And for the taration of the first paiment of the saide second Subsidie, shal before the last day of August which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1591. And for the taration of the second paiment of the saide second Subsidie, shal before the last day of August, which shal be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand, fiue hundred, ninetie and two, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesaid, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or precepts, vnto eight, seuen, sixe, fiue, foure, three, or two, as for ꝙ number of the inhabitants shalbe requisite, of the most substantial, discreet ꝛ honest persons, inhabitants, to be named by the said Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shalbe appointed by the said commission, of ꝛ in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Parishes, Townes, ꝛ other places, aswel within Liberties, Franchises, ancient demesne, places exempted, ꝛ Sanctuaries, as without,

out, within the Limittes of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, and Ile aforesaide, and other places within the limits of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiefes, and other like officers and ministers of euery of the saide Hundreds, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places aforesaid, as to the said Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shal be requisite, straitly by the said precept charging and commanding the said inhabitants, Constables and other officers aforesaid, to whome such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons, before the said Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shall deuide themselues, according to the tenor of the said Commission, at certaine daies and places by the said Commissioners or any number of them, as is aforesaide, within cities, boroughs, or Townes corporate, or without in any other places, as is aforesaid by their discretion shall be limitted thereunto, to doe and accomplish all that to them, on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie shall be enioyned, touching this Act, commanding further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precepts shall come, shall shewe and deliuer the same to the other inhabitants or Officers named in the same precept. And that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpon paine of fourtie shillings to be forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeined by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that at the said day & place prefixed and limitted in the said precept, euery of the saide cõmissioners then being in ỹ shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day & place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper person. And there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shal be appointed by the Queens Maiesties commission, shall call or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitants and Officers to whome they haue directed their said precepts, and which had in commandement there to appeare, by vertue of the said precept. And if any person so warned make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sicknesse or lawful excuse, & that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or if any appearing, refuse to serue in forme following, thẽ euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shal forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings, and so at euery time appointed by the saide commissioners, for the same taration, vnto such time ỹ number of euery such persons haue appeared & certified in forme vnder written, euery of them so making default or refusing so to serue shall forfeit to the Queenes Maie-

tie, fourtie shillings. And vpon the same appearance had, they shall bee charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient waies and meanes (other then by corporal oth) to enquire of the best & most value of the substance of euery person dwelling and abiding within the limits of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other which shal haue his or their most resort vnto any of the said places, and chargeable with any summe of mony by this Acte of the sayde Subsidies, and of all other things requisite touching the sayde Acte, and according to the intent of the same. And thereupon as neere as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taxation heretofore had, truely to present and certifie before the said Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substance & values of euery of them, as wel of Lands, Tenements, and other hereditaments, possessions & profits, as of goods, cattels, debtes and other things chargeable by the same Act, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of fiue pounds or more to be tared, extracted and leuied, in forme as hereafter in this present Act shall be limited or appointed. And thereupon the said Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to bee read vnto them, the sayde Rates in this Act mentioned, & openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner & forme they ought & should make their certificate, according to the rates and summes thereof aboue sayd, and of all maner of persons, aswell of Aliens and strangers, Denizens or not Denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as bee borne vnder ỹ Queenes obeisance chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, Goods and Cattels of Fraternities, Guilds, Corporations, Brotherhoods, Mysteries, Communalties, and other as is aboue sayde, and of persons being in the partes beyonde the Seas, hauing goods and Cattels, Lands or Tenements within this Realme as is aforesaid, & of all goods being in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is aboue said: by the which information and shewing, the sayde persons should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, & of the maner of their certificat that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the Statute of the sayde Subsidies, and the maner of the sayde certificate to be made in writing, conteining the names and surnames of euery person, and whether hee be borne without the Queenes obeysance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswel of the yerely value of Lands and Tenements and of such like possessions and profits, as the value of Goods & Cattels, Debts, and euery thing to their certificate requisite

quisite and necessary to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there being, shal by their discretions appoint and limit vnto the sayde persons, another day and place to appeare before the sayde Commissioners: And charging the said persons, that they in the meane time shal make diligent enquiry by al waies and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euery of them vpon paine of forfeiture of fortie shillings to the Queenes Maiesty, to appeare at the said newe prefired day and place, there to certifie vnto the said Commissioners in writing, according to their sayde charge, and according to the true intent of the said grant of Subsidies, and as to them in maner aforesayd hath bene declared & shewed by the Commissioners: At which day and place so to them prefired, if any of the said persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayd certificat, that then euery of them so offending, to forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default by reason of sickenesse, or otherwise by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesayd, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall take and receiue the same Certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values and substance of euery person so certified. And if the sayde Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place by their agreement amongst themselues, shal from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certain place or places within the limits of their commission, by their discretion for their further proceeding to the sayd assessing of the same subsidies, and thereupon at the sayde day of the sayde certificate as is aforesaid taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes, or other officers of such hundreds, Wapentakes, townes or other places aforesaide, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprising & conteining in the said precepts, the names and surnames of all persons presented before the in the said certificat, of whom if the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the Queenes Commission shal then haue behement suspect, to be of more greater value or substance in landes, goods, cattels, or summes of money owing to them, or other substance before sayde, then vpon such person or persons so certified and specified as aforesayd, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts directed to the Constable, Bayliffes or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Baylifes or other officers to whome such precepts shalbe directed, to warne such persons whose names shall bee comprised in the sayde precepts, at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same per-

ſons named in ſuch preceptes, and euery of them, ſhall perſonally appeare before the ſaid Commiſſioners, at the ſame newe prefixed day and place, there to bee examined by al wayes & meanes, (other then by corporall othe) by the ſayde Commiſſioners, of their greateſt ſubſtance & beſt value, & of all and euery ſummes of money owing to them and other whatſoeuer matter concerning the premiſſes, or any of them, according to this Act. At which day and place ſo prefixed, the ſayde Commiſſioners then and there being, or as many of them, as ſhall be thereupon appoynted by the Queenes Commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to bee called the ſayde perſons whoſe names ſhall be compriſed in the ſaid precept, as is afore ſayde for their examination. And if any of thoſe perſons, which ſhall be warned as is afore ſayde, to be examined, which at any time after the warning and before the prefixed day ſhall be within ſuch place, where hee may haue knowledge of his ſayd appearance to be made, make default & appeare not, vnleſſe a reaſonable cauſe, or elſe a reaſonable excuſe by the othes of two credible perſons before the ſayde Commiſſioners, be truely alleaged for his diſcharge, that then euery of them ſo making default, to be tared and charged to the Queenes Maieſtie, with and at the double ſummes of the rate that hee ſhould or ought to haue beene ſet at, for and after the beſt value of his lands or ſubſtance vpon him certified, if he had appeared, by the diſcretion of the Commiſſioners there being, which Commiſſioners ſhall trauell with euery of the other perſons ſo then & there appearing, whoſe names ſhall be expreſſed in the ſayde precept or precepts, and in whome any behement ſuſpect was or ſhall be had in fourme aforeſaid, by al which waies and meanes as they can (other then by corporal oth) for the better knowledge of their beſt value, either in hereditaments or poſſeſſions, or els in goods or debtes, and thereupon ſhall haue power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, according to their diſcretions, to enlarge and encreaſe the taration of ſuch perſon, as they ſhall ſo finde by due examination to be of greater value or ſubſtance in lands or goods then they were preſented at. And that euery ſpirituall perſon at euery of the ſayde tarations of the ſayd two Subſidies, ſhall bee rated and ſet according to the rate aboueſayde, of and for euery pounde that the ſame Spirituall perſon, or any other to his vſe, hath by diſcēt, bargaine or purchaſe in fee ſimple, feetaile, terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, by wardſhip, or by copie of Court roll, in any mannors, landes, tenements, rentes, ſeruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities or hereditaments, after the true, iuſt and yeerely value thereof, and according as other the Queens Maieſties ſubiects borne within this Realme bee charged in fourme aboue remembred, ſo

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that it extend to the yerely value of twentie shillings or above.

And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Tarours or Assessours, shall not duely behaue themselues in their inquirie, taration, assessement or certificate, but shall affectionately, corruptly or parcially demeane themselues in that behalfe, in such wise that the Commissioners shall by their considerations, deeme them offenders worthie of punishment for not doing their duties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie for the same Subsidie, shall haue power and authoritie by their discretion, eyther to charge the sayde Assessours vpon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesaid in that behalfe, or els by their discretions, to tare and set vpon euery of the said assessours for their misdemeanours in that behalfe, such a fine or paine as they shal thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of tenne poundes, and the same fine or payment at their discretions to estreate into the court of Exchequer, euery which fine so tared and set, by foure of the said commissioners or more, and being estreated with the scedule and bookes of that limite, shall be leuied and answered to the Queenes vse in like maner and forme to all intentes & purposes, as any other summes that shalbe tared and become due by vertue of this statute and Act of subsidie, and not in any other wise or maner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be a commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doeth finde himselfe grieued with the same presentment, selling or rating, and thereupon complayne to the Commissioners before whom he shall be called, selled or tared, or before two of them, before the same taration bee certified into the Court of Eschequer, that then the sayde Commissioners or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly & distinctly the person so complaining, vpon his othe, and other his neighbours by their discretions, of euerie his landes and tenements aboue specified, and of euery his goods, cattels and debts aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceiued by the said Commissioners, or two of them, which shall haue power by authoritie aforesaide, the sayd Commissioners or two of them to whom any such complaint shall be made by their discretion, vpon the othe of the said person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increase or inlarge the same assessements, according as it shall appeare vnto thē iust vpon the same examination and the same summe so abated, defalked, increased or enlarged, shalbe by them estreated in forme as hereafter insueth. And if it bee prooued by witnesses or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any such othe made, that the same person so rated & sworne,

was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his sayde othe, then the same person so sworne did declare vpon his sayde othe, that then euery such person so offending, shal lose & forfaite to the Queens Maiestie, so much lawfull money of England, as hee the same person so sworne was set at or tared to pay.

And also it is enacted by the same authoritie, that euerie person to be rated at the sayde taration as is aforesayde, shall be rated, tared, and set, and the summe on him set, to be leuied at such place, where he and his familie at the time of the same presentment to be made, shall keepe his house or dwelling, or where hee then shall be most conuersant, abiding or resiaunt, or shall haue his most resort at the time of the saide certificate to be made, and no where else. And that no Commissioner for these Subsidies shall be rated or tared for his goods or lands, but in the Shire or other place where he shalbe Commissioner. And that if any person chargeable to this Act, at the time of the same assessing, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen: then he to be set, where he was last abiding in this Realme, or within Wales, and after the substance, value, and other profites of euery person, to bee knowen by the examination, certificat or other maner of wise as is aforesayd. And that the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall bee appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission or Commissions, shall after the rate and rates aforesayd, cause euery person so to be set, rated, and tared, according to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, goods, cattels, and other profites chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greatest or most best summe or summes according to his most substance, by reason of this Acte, might or may be set or tared.

And that euery person tared in any Countie or place other then where he is most resiant, or hath his family in any County or place, other then where hee is Commissioner for the Subsidie, if hee be a Commissioner, vpon certificate made by the said Court of Exchequer, vnder the hands & seales of two Commissioners for the same subsidie, in the same Countie or place where such person is most resiant or hath his familie, or where hee is a Commissioner for the taration & payment of these Subsidies, testifying such his most resiancie, hauing of familie, or being a Commissioner, shall be a sufficient discharge for the taration of that person in all other places, and of and for all other summes of money vpon such persons so set and tared, saue only the taration made in that Countie or place from which such certificate shall be made as is aforesayd, and for the summe of money vpon such person there assessed or tared. And that such certificat without

out any Plea or other circumſtance, ſhal be a ſufficient warrant al'wel to the Barons and Auditor & Auditors of the ſaide Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whome the allo'wance thereof ſhall appertaine, paying for ſuch diſcharge and allo'wance onely ſixe pence and no more.

Prouided alwayes, that euery ſuch perſon which ſhalbe rated or tared according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subſidie, for and after the yerely value of his landes, tenements and other reall poſſeſſions or profites, or any of the ſayde tarations, ſhall not after bee ſet and rated for his goods and cattels or other moueable ſubſtance at the ſame taxation, and that he that ſhall bee ſet, charged or tared for the ſame Subſidies for his goods, cattels and other moueables at any of the ſayde tarations, according to the true meaning of this Acte, ſhall not after be charged, tared or chargeable for his landes or other reall poſſeſſions and profites aboueſayde, at the ſame tarations or any of them, nor that any perſon by any taxation be double charged for the ſaid Subſidies, nor ſet, or tared at ſeuerall places by reaſon of this Acte: But if any perſon happen to be double ſet, tared or charged, eyther in one place or at ſeuerall places, then he to be diſcharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meaning and intent of this Acte, any thing conteined in this preſent Acte to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And that it be ordeined and enacted by the ſayde authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon hauing two manſions or two places to reſort vnto, or calling himſelf houſhold ſeruant, or waiting ſeruant to the Queenes Maieſtie, or other Lorde or Ladie, Maſter or Maiſtres, be excuſed vpon his ſaying, from the taxes of the ſayde Subſidies, in neither of the places where hee may be ſet or tared, vnleſſe he bring a certificate in writing from the Commiſſioners where that he is ſo ſet or tared in deed at one place. And if any perſon that ought to be ſet and tared to theſe preſent Subſidies, by reaſon of his remouing, or reſorting to two places, or by reaſon of his ſaying that hee elſe where was tared, or by reaſon of any Priuiledge of his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being exceptiled in this Act, or otherwiſe by his couin or craft, or by any wordes or ſayings or otherwiſe: or if any that is a Commiſſioner or Aſſeſſor of others happen to eſcape from the ſayde tarations for the payment of theſe Subſidies, or any of them, and be not ſet & tared, according to the true intent of this Acte, and that prooued by preſentment, examination, information or otherwiſe before the ſayde Commiſſioners or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queens Maieſties Exchequer, or two Iuſtices of the Peace, of ꝑ countie where ſuch perſon

ſon d'welleth: Then euery ſuch perſon that by ſuch meanes or otherwiſe willingly by couin or without iuſt cauſe, ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſaid tarations or paiments aforeſaide, or any of them, and ſhall not be rated, tared and ſet, ſhall be charged vpon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of ſo much as he ſhould, might or ought to haue bene ſet and tared at by vertue of this Act. And the ſame double value, to be leuied, gathered and paide, of his goods and Chattels, Landes, and Tenements, towards the ſaide Subſidies, and further to be puniſhed according to the diſcretions of the Barons, Iuſtices and Commiſſioners, before whome he ſhall be conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that the ſaide Commiſſioners in euery Commiſſion, which ſhall be or inhabite in any Countie or place within the limits of their Commiſſion, or the more part of them, ſhall haue full power & authoritie by this Act, to ſet, taxe and ſeſſe euery other Commiſſioner ioyned with them in euery ſuch Commiſſion, and the ſaid Commiſſioners within euery diuiſion ſhall alſo aſſeſſe euery Aſſeſſor within their diuiſion, for his or their Goods, Lands, and other the premiſſes as is aboueſaid: By the which ſaide Commiſſion the ſaid Commiſſioners to whom it ſhall appertaine, ſhall indifferently ſet, taxe and aſſeſſe themſelues and the ſaid Aſſeſſors, and that aſwell the ſummes vpon euery of the ſaide Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors ſo ſeſſed, rated and tared, as the ſummes made and preſented by the Preſenters, as is aboueſaide, ſhall bee written, certified, ſet and eſtreated, and the eſtreates thereof to be made with other the inhabitants of that partes, within the limites of the ſame commiſſion and diuiſion ſo to be gathered and leuied, in like maner as it ought or ſhould haue bene, if the ſaid commiſſioners had not bene in the ſaide commiſſion. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Barons, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhall be charged with their freehold and value as is aforeſaid, by the chancellor or Lord keeper of the great Seale of England, the high Treaſurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other ſuch perſons as by the Queenes Maieſties authoritie or commandement ſhal be named and appointed, and they to be charged for the ſaide ſeuerall paiments of the ſaid ſubſidies after the forme of the ſaide grant according to the taration aforeſaide. And the ſumme of and vpon them to be ſet and tared, with the names of the collectors appointed for the gathering and paying of the ſame, to be eſtreated, deliuered and certified at daies & places aboue ſpecified, by the Lord chancellor or keeper of the great Seale, & Lord Treaſurer or one of them, together with other ſuch perſons as thereunto ſhall be named, as is aforeſaid.

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And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that after the taxes & assesses of the said summes vpō & by the said assessing & certificat as is aforesaid made, the said Cōmissioners or as many of them, as shalbe therunto appointed, & haue authoritie by ỳ Queenes Maiesties Commission shal with al speede, & without delay by their writing, estreate the said taxe therof, vnder ỳ seales & signes manuel of ỳ said commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed at the least. And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient & substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailiefs and other officers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, parishes & other places aforesaid within their limits, & to other sufficient persons inhabitants of the same, onely by the discretion of the said Commissioners, with the assent of the high Collector, & as the place & parties shall require, aswell the particular names and surnames, as the remembrance of all the summes of money taxed and set, of and vpon euery person aswell man and woman chargeable to this Acte, houlholders & all other inhabitants and dwellers within the said Parishes, Townes & places contributorie to this Act of Subsidie. By authoritie of which writing & estreate so deliuered, the said officers and other persons so named and deputed, seuerally shal haue ful power and authority by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuery of the said writing or estreate, to demand, leuie and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same writing or estreat comprised: And for non paiment therof, to distreine the same person or persons so being behind by their goods & cattels, and the distresse so taken to keepe by the space of eight daies, at the costes & charges of the owner thereof. And if the said owner do not pay such summe of money as shalbe taxed by authoritie of this Acte within the same eight daies, then the same distresse to be appraised by foure, three or two of the inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the Constable or other Collectors for the paiment of the said money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any be) to be immediately restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said Officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather and leuie the said summes, shall answere and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limitted to be gathered, leuied and comprised in the said writing or estreate so to them as is aforesaide deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and her heires and successors, and the saide summe in that writing or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the high Collector or Collectors of that place, for the collection of the same in maner and forme vnder written, thereunto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitants & officers so gathering the same par-

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ticular ſummes for their collection thereof, ſhall reteine for euery twentie ſhillings ſo by them receiued and paide, two pence. And that to be allowed at the paiment of their collection by the to be made, to the high collector or collectors.

And further be it enacted by the ſaid authoritie, that the ſaide commiſſioners or the more part of them, as ſhall take vpon them the execution and buſineſſe of the ſaide commiſſion ſhall for euery of the ſaide paiments of the ſaide Subſidies, name ſuch ſufficient and able perſons, which then ſhall haue and poſſeſſe lands and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleare yeerely value of fourtie poundes, or goods to the value of foure hundred poundes at the leaſt, as hee ſhall bee tared in the Subſidie booke, if any ſuch be in the ſaide limites, and for want of ſuch ſo aſſeſſed, then thoſe to be appointed collectors that then ſhall be ſufficient, and rated and tared in the Subſidie booke in lands or goods neereſt to the values aforeſaid, as by their diſcretion ſhall bee thought good, in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatſoeuer places aſwell within places priuiledged as without, not being foreprized within this Act to be high collectors, and to haue the collection and receipt of the ſaid ſummes ſet, and leuiable within the precinct, limites and bounds where they ſhall be ſo limitted and appointed to be high collectors. And to euery of the ſaide collectors ſo ſeuerally named, the ſaide commiſſioners or two of them at the leaſt with all ſpeede & without delay after the ſaide whole ſumme of any paiment of the ſaide Subſidies be ſet by all the limits of the ſame their commiſſion, or in ſuch limits as the high collectors ſhall be ſo ſeuerally aſſigned: ſhall vnder their ſeales and ſigne manuell, deliuer one eſtreate indented in parchment, comprizing in it the names of all ſuch perſons as were aſſigned to leuie the ſaide particular ſummes and the ſummes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne and other place aforeſaide, with the names and ſurnames of the perſons ſo chargeable, according to the eſtreate ſo firſt thereof made and deliuered as is aforeſaid. And the collectors to be aſſigned, ſhall be charged to anſwere the whole ſumme comprized in the ſaide eſtreate limited to his collection as is aforeſaid.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that ỹ ſaid commiſſioners, hauing authoritie by this act to name & nominate the ſaid high collectors of either of the ſaide Subſidies, ſhall immediatly vpon their nomination & election take by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, ſufficiẽt recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to be paide therefore, of euery perſon ſo by them to bee named, to bee high collector, to be bound to the Queenes Maieſtie in the double ſumme of the

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ſumme of his collection, and to be indorſed and made vpon ſuch condition, that is to ſay, for the collection of the ſaid firſt paimẽt of the ſaid firſt Subſidie: That if the ſaide Collector, his heires or Executours doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in the receipt of the ſaide Exchequer, at or before the ſaide twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1589. ſo much of the ſaide ſumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after ſuch time as he hath gathered and collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſaide recognizances or obligations to bee voide, or elſe to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſecond paiment of the ſaide firſt Subſidie, vpon condition that if the ſaide Collector, his heires, or executors doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the ſaide twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, and ninetie, ſo much of the ſayde ſumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch time as he hath gathered and collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſaide recognizances or obligations to be voide, or elſe to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſaide firſt paiment of the ſaide ſecond Subſidie, vpon condition that if the ſaide Collector, his heires or executors doe truely content, and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in her receipt of Exchequer, at or before the ſayde twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1591. ſo much of the ſaide ſumme of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch time as he hath gathered and collected the ſame reſidue: That then the ſayde recognizances or obligations to be voide, or elſe to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſayde ſecond paiment of the ſayde ſecond Subſidie, vpon condition that if the ſaide Collector, his heires or executors, doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſors, in her receipt of Exchequer, at or before the ſayde twelfth day of Februarie, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, ninetie and two, ſo much of the ſaide ſumme of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and pay the reſidue of his collection and

charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the saide Recognizance or Obligation to be voide, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. Which saide seuerall Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the saide Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the saide taxations and rates of the paiment of the saide true Subsidies, at and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificate of the saide seuerall taxations of the saide Subsidie, vpon paine of forfaiture of ten pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for euery Recognizance or Obligation not certified. And that euery such Collector so elected, named and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the saide Recognizance or Obligation vpon paine and forfaiture of twenty pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusall thereof. And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon paiment of the saide seuerall collections of the saide Subsidies, at the daies and times herein limitted for the payment thereof, shall cancell and deliuer the Recognizances or Obligations for the payment thereof, to the Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be paide for the same to any person. And euery Collector so deputed, hauing the saide estreat in parchment as is aforesaid, shall haue authoritie by this Acte to appoint dayes and places within the circuit of his collection, for the paiment of the saide Subsidies, to him to be made, and thereof to giue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise to all the Constables or other persons or inhabitants hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundreds, Parishes, Townes or other places by him or them limitted, to make paiment for the said particular collection of euery summe, as to them shal appertaine. And if at the same day & place so limitted & prefixed by the said high Collector, the said Constable, officers, or other persons, or inhabitants as is aforesaid, for the said particular collection assigned and appointed within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, do not pay vnto the said his Collectors the summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places due and comprised in the said estreat thereof to them deliuered by the said Commissioners or some of them as is aforesaid, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued (two pence for euery pound for the said particular collection as is aforesaid, alwaies thereof to be allowed, excepted & abated) that then it shalbe lawfull to the said high Collectors & euery of them, & to their assignes, to distreine euery of ỹ said Constables, officers and other inhabitants, for their saide seuerall and particular

cular collection of the said summes comprised in the said estreate and writting thereof, to them and euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for so much of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behinde and vnpaid, by the goods and cattels of euery of them so being behinde, and the distresse so taken to be kept, appraised and sold as is aforesaid, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behinde and vnpaid: And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the saide distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons shalbe nominated or appointed to be a high Collector or Collectors for the second paiment of any fifteenth, Tenth or Subsidies, granted by this Acte, which before that time hath bene a Collector or Collectors for the first paimẽt of any part of the same fifteene, Tenth, or Subsidies, vnlesse such person or persons so to be nominated & appointed high Collector or Collectors for the saide second paiment, doe first therefore sworn before him or them by whom he shal be so nominated and appointed, his (quietus est) for the discharge of his collection before appointed to his charge, vpon paine of an hundred pounds to be paide and forfeited by him or them that so shal nominate and appoint any such Collector contrary to this present Act.

Prouided alwaies, that no person inhabiting in any Cittie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any Assessor, or Collector of or for any part of the saide Subsidies in any place or places out of the said Cittie, Borough or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the said authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the collection and receipt of any part or portion of the saide Subsidies, by any maner of meanes according to this Acte, or any person or persons for themselues, or as Keeper, Gardian, Deputie, Factor or Atturney, of or for any other person or persons of any goods and cattels of the owner therof, at the time of the said assessing to be paide, being out of this Realme, or in any other partes not knowen, or of and for the goods and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternity, Mystery, or other whatsoeuer Communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, and al persons hauing in their rule, gouernance and custodie, any goods or cattels at the time of the said assessing, or any of them to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for himselfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance or custodie of any goods or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communalty, Fraternitie, Guilde,

or mystery, or any such other like, or as Factor, Deputie or Attor-
ney, of, or for any person, shalbe tared, rated, valued and set to any
summe or summes by reason of this Acte, and after the taration
or assessing vpon any such person or persons as shall be charged
with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the
place where he was so tared and set, or his goods or cattels be so
eloyned, or in such priuie and couert maner kept, as the said per-
son or persons charged with the same by estreates or other writ-
ings from the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall
be thereunto appointed by the said Commission as is aforesaide,
can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within
the same estreates, by distresse within the limits of their collecti-
on as is afore said, or cannot sel such distresse or distresses as be ta-
ken for any of the said paiments, before the time limitted to the
high Collector for his paiment to be made in the Queenes Ma-
iesties receipt, then vpon relation therof, with due examination
by the othe or examination of such person or persons as shall be
charged with, and for the receipt and collection of the same, be-
fore the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide
Commission shalbe thereunto appointed, where such person or
persons or other as is aforesaid, their goods and cattels were set
and tared. And vpon plaine certificate therof made in the
Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, as-
well of the dwelling place, names and summes of the saide per-
sons of whom the saide summes cannot be leuied and had, as is
afore said, then as well the Constables and other inhabitants ap-
pointed for the same particular collection against ỹ high Collec-
tors, as the high Collector vpon his accompt and othe in the said
Exchequer to be discharged therof: and processe to be made for
the Queenes Maiestie out of the said Exchequer, by the discreti-
on of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his
heires or executors, so being behind with his paiment. And over
that, the same Commissioners, to whom any such declaration of
the premisses shalbe made in forme aforesaid, from time to time
shal haue full power and authoritie to direct their precept or pre-
cepts vnto ỹ said person or persons charged with any summe, or,
for and vpon any such person ꝛ persons or other as is aforesaid,
or to any Shirife, Steward, Baillife, or other whatsoeuer Offi-
cer, minister, person or persons of such place or places, where a-
ny such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall
haue Lands and Tenements or other hereditaments, or reall
possessions, goods and cattels, whereby any such person or per-
sons so indebted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other ha-
uing the custodie, gouernance or disposition of any goods, cattels,
landes or tenements or other hereditaments, which ought or

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may by this Acte lawfully be diſtreined or taken for the ſame, hath and ſhall haue goods, cattels, lands, tenements or other poſſeſſions, whereof ſuch ſumme or ſummes which by any ſuch perſon or perſons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limits of ſuch Commiſſion, where ſuch perſon or perſons was or were taxed, or without in any place within this realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Maieſties dominions, Marches or territories, by which precept, aſwell ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be charged to leuie ſuch money as the Officer of the place or places where ſuch diſtreſſe may be taken, ſhall haue full power and authority to diſtreine euery ſuch perſon indebted, charged or chargeable, by this Acte, or his executors or adminiſtrators of his goods and cattels, his Gardians, Factors, deputies, Leaſſees, Farmers and Aſſignes, and all other perſons by whoſe hands or out of whoſe lands any ſuch perſon ſhould haue fee, rent, annuitie or other profite, or which at the time of the ſaid aſſeſſing, ſhall haue goods or cattels, or any other thing moueable of any ſuch perſon or perſons, being indebted or owing ſuch ſumme, and the diſtreſſes ſo taken, cauſe to be kept, appraiſed & ſolde in like maner and forme as is aforeſaid, for the diſtreſſe to be taken vpon ſuch perſons to be taxed to the ſaid ſubſidies, & being ſufficient to diſtreine within the limits of the Collectors, inhabitants or other officers charged with or for the ſaid ſummes ſo vpon them to be taxed. And if any ſuch diſtreſſe for non paiment happen to be taken out of the limit of the ſaid perſons charged & aſſigned to leuie the ſame, the perſons ſo charged for the leuie of any ſuch ſummes by diſtreſſe, ſhall perceiue & take of the ſame diſtreſſe, for the labour of euery perſon going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any ſuch perſon ſo laboureth for the ſame, two pence. And euery Farmer, Tenant, Gardian, Factor or other whatſoeuer perſon, being diſtreined, or otherwiſe charged for paiment of any ſuch ſumme or ſummes, or any other ſumme by reaſon of this Acte, ſhall bee of ſuch ſumme or ſummes of him or them ſo leuied and taken, diſcharged and acquited at his next day of paiment of the ſame, or at the deliuerie of ſuch goods and cattels as he that is ſo diſtreined, had in his cuſtodie or gouernance, againſt him or them that ſhalbe ſo taxed and ſet, any grant or writing obligatorie, or other whatſoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithſtanding.

And if any ſuch perſon that ſhould be ſo diſtreined, haue no lands or tenements ſufficient, whereby he and his Tenants and Farmers may be diſtreined, or haue alienes, eloyned or hidde his goods & cattels, wherby he ſhould or might be diſtreined, in ſuch maner that ſuch goods & cattels ſhould not be knowen or found, ſo that the ſumme of or by him to be paid in the ſaid ſourme, ſhal

ne can be conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the saide Commission shall be thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and set by the othes of him or them that shall be charged with the leuie and paiment of that summe or summes: The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such maner as is aforesaid, for to attach, take and arrest the body of such person or persons, that ought to pay the saide summes, and by this Acte shall be charged with and for the saide summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shire or other place, where any such person or persons shall be taken and attached, there to remaine without baile or maineprise, vntill he hath paide the saide summe or summes, that such person for him selfe or for any other by this Acte, shall be chargeable or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees of euery such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twentie pence: And that euery Officer vnto whome such precept shall be directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe, twenty shillings: And that no keeper of any gaole, from his gaole suffer any such person to goe at large, by letting to baile, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue paid his said debt, & the said twentie pence for the said arrest, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings: And the same gaoler to pay to the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate, which the said person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the saide twentie pence for the fees: And like proces & remedy in like forme shalbe granted by the said Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbe thereunto appointed, at like information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the said subsidies, & not therof paid, but wilfully withdrawen, nor the same leuiable within the limits where such persons were thereunto taxed. And if the summe or summes being behinde vnpaide by any person or persons as is aforesaide, be leuied & gathered by force of ꝑ said proces to be made by the saide commissioners, or if in default or for lache of paiment thereof, the person or persons so owing ꝑ said summe or summes of money, by proces of the same commissioners to be made as is aforesaid, be committed to prison in forme aboue said, that then the said Commissioners, which shall awarde such proceße, shal make certificate thereof in the saide Exchequer of that shall be done in the premisses, in the terme next following after such summe or summes of money, so being behind, shalbe leuied & gathered, or such person or persons for non paiment of ꝑ same,

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committed to prison. And if it happen any of the said Collectors to be assigned, or any Maiors, Sherifes, Stewards, Constables, ꝑ Headborough, Burholder, Bailife, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the saide commissioners, or any of them in the reasonable request to them made by the said Commissioners, for execution of the saide commission, or if any of the officers or other persons doe refuse that to them shal appertaine & belong to do, by reason of any precept to him or them to be directed, or any reasonable commandement, instance or request touching the premisses, or other default in any apparance or collection to make, or if any person being suspect not to be indifferently tared as is aforesaide, doe refuse to be examined according to ꝑ tenor of this Act before the said commissioners, or as many of them as shal be thereunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appeare before the same Commissioners, vpon warning to him made, or else make resistance or rescous vpon any distresse vpon him to be taken for any parcell of the said Subsidies, or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of wise, contrary to this Acte, or commit any wilfull omission or other whatsoeuer wilfull not doing or misdoing contrary to the tenor of this Act or grant: The same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanors had, by information or examination, shall & may, set vpon euery such offender for euery such offence in the name of a fine, by the same offender to be forfeited, fortie shillings or vnder, by discretion of ꝑ same Commissioners: And further the same Commissioners & euery number of them or two of them at the least, shall haue authoritie by this present Acte, to punish euery such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shal seeme to them conuenient, the said fines if any such be, to be certified by the said commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, there to be leuied & paid by the Collectors of that parties for the said Subsidies, returned into the said Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the said subsidies, in such maner as if the said fines had bene set and tared vpon the saide offendors for the said subsidies.

And it is also enacted by the said authoritie of this present parliament, that euery of the saide high Collectors, which shall accompt for any part of the said subsidies in the said Exchequer vpon their seueral accompts to be yeelded, shall be allowed at euery of the said paiments of the saide subsidies, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any such Collector shall be charged and yeelde account, fiue pence, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof for such persons as then haue had

the particular collection of the townes and other places as is afore-
saide, specified in his collection, two pence, and other two
pence of euery pound thereof, euery of the saide chiefe Collectors
or their Accomptants to retaine to their owne vse, for their la-
bour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of e-
uery pound residue, to be deliuered, allowed and paide by the said
Collector so being therof allowed to such of the Commissioners
as shall take vpon them the busines and labour for and about
the premisses: that is to say, Euery Collector to pay that Com-
missioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the wri-
tings of and for euery of the sayd Subsidies, where the said Col-
lector or Collectors had their collection, for the expenses for the
said Commissioners, so taking vpon them the saide busines and
labour of their Clarkes writing the sayde precepts and extracts
of the said collections, the same last two pence of euery pound to
be deuided amongst the saide Commissioners hauing regard to
their labour and busines taken by them and their said Clarkes,
in, & about the premisses, for which part, so to the said Commissi-
oners appertaining, the sayd Commissioners, sixe, fiue, or foure,
three, or two, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed
by the Queenes Maiesties commission, & euery of them, ioyntly
and seuerally, for his and their said part, may haue his remedie
against the saide Collector or Collectors, which thereof bene or
might haue bene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defen-
dant shall not wage his Lawe, neither protection, neither in-
iunction or essoyne shal be allowed: And that no person now be-
ing of the number of the company of this present Parliament,
nor any Commissioner shal be named or assigned to be any Col-
lector or Subcollector or Presentour of the saide Subsidies, or
of any part thereof, nor no Commissioners shall be compelled to
make any presentment or certificate other then in the Queenes
Maiesties saide Exchequer, of, for or concerning the said Subsi-
dies, or any part or parcell thereof. And likewise that no other
person that shall be named and assigned to be Commissioners in
any place, to and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie, be or
shall be assigned or named head Collector of any of the paiments
of the saide Subsidies, neither of any part thereof. And that e-
uery such person or persons which shall be named and appoin-
ted as is aforesaide, to be head Collectors of and for the first pai-
ment of the first Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not bee
compelled to be Collector for the second paiment of the same sub-
sidie, nor for any part thereof. And he that shall be named or ap-
pointed as aforesaid to bee Collector for the first paiment of the
saide second Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shal not be compel-
led to be Collector for the second paiment of the same Subsidie,

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or of any part thereof, &c. And the saide Collectors which shall be alligned for ꝑ collection of the saide two subsidies, or for any part thereof, & euery of them, be and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner Fees, Rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or else where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, paiment or accounts, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person receiue or take any Fees, Rewards or pleasures, of any such accõptant, or vse any vnnecessary delay in their account, that then he shal forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie for euery peny or value of euery peny or peny wooth so taken, fiue shillings, & fiue pounds to the partie grieued, for euery such delay, and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after each taxing & assessing of the said seuerall Subsidies (as is aforesaid) had or made, & the saide extracts thereof in parchment, vnto the Collector in maner & forme before rehearsed, deliuered: the saide Commissioners which shal take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limits of their commission, by their agreements shall haue meeting together, at which meeting euery of the said commissioners, which then shal haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the said Commission, shall by himselfe or his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bring footh vnto the said Commissioners named in the said Commission, the certificat and presentment made before him and such other Commissioners as were limitted with him in one limit, so that the same certificate may be accounted and cast with the other certificats of the other limits within the same Commission, and then the said commissioners and euery number of them, vnto two at the least as is aforesaid, if any be in life, or their executors or administrators of their goods, if they then be dead, shall ioyntly & seuerally as they were diuided within their limits, vnder their Seales, by their discretion make one or seuerall writings indented, conteining in it, as wel the names of the said collectors by the Commissioners, for such collection and accounts in the Exchequer, and paiment in the same receipt, deputed and alligned, as the grosse and seuerall summes, written vnto euery such Collectors to receiue the said Subsidies, and also all fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures, if any such by reason of this Act happē to be within the precinct and limit of their Commission, to bee certified into the Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, by the said commissioners. In which writing or writings indented so to be certified, shal be plainely declared and expressed the whole or entier summe or summes of the saide subsidies, seuerally limitted to the collection of the saide Collectors seuerally deputed and alligned to the collection of the said summes. So that none of the said Collectors

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so certified in the said Exchequer, shall be compelled there to account or to be charged, but onely to and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe, limitted to the collection of his fellow: But euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said commissioners ioyned in one Commission among themselues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same commissioners, that then the said commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in forme aforesaide of their seuerall limits or separations of Collectors within the limits of their commission, vpon & in the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or such other like Diuisions, within their said seueral limits of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and diuided, and as to the same Commissioners shal seeme good to make diuisions of their limits or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectors, so that alway one Collector shalbe charged, and account for his part to him to be limitted onely by himselfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his fellowes: And the charges of euery of the Collectors to be set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery such Collector vpon his account, and paymēt of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to be seuerally by himselfe acquited & discharged in ẏ said Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewards to any persō or persons for the same vpon paine and penaltie last aboue saide, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collector. And if any Commissioner after he hath taken certificat of them that as is aforesaide shall be before any such Commissioners examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes & writings therof being in his hands, or if any Collector or other person charged with any receipt of any part of the saide subsidies, or any other person taxed or otherwise by this Acte charged with and for any parcell of the said Subsidies, or with any other summe, fine, amerciament, penalty, or other forfeiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collectors, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied or sufficiently discharged that which to euery such person shal appertaine or belong to doe according to this Act: Then the executors & heires of euery such person, and all other seised of any Lands and Tenements, that any such person being charged by this Acte, & deceasing before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely, had of estate of inheritance at ẏ time that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector, or otherwise charged with or for any maner of thing to be done, satisfied or paid by reason of this Act, and all those that haue in their possessions or hands, any Goods,

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Cattels, Leases or other things, that were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death, or any Landes or Tenements that were the same persons at the time he was as is aforesaide charged by this Acte, shall be by the same compelled, and charged to doe, and accomplish in euery case, as the same person so being charged should haue done, or might haue bene compelled to do, if he had bene in plaine life, after such rate of the lands & goods of the said Commissioner or Collector, as the party shal haue in his hands. And if the said commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shal thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate as is aforesaid, thē the said person or persons, that shal first ioyne together, or he that shal first certifie the said writing indented as is aforesaid, shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that Commission, whereupon such writing shalbe there then to be certified, with diuision of the Hundreds, Wapētakes, Wards, Tithings and other places, to & among such Commissioners of the same Commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such separations & diuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as well of & for the saide Subsidie tared or set, of or within the said Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to him or them diuided or alligned, that shall so certifie the said first writting, as of & fines, amerciaments, penalties & other forfeitures, if any happen to be within the same limits, whereof the same writings shall be certified. And after such writings indented, which as is aforesaid shalbe certified, and not conteine in it the whole and full summes, set and tared within the limits of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of paiment of the said subsidies, shall certifie into the said Exchequer, by their writing or writings indented, to bee made as is aforesaid, the grosse and seueral summes, set & tared within the places to them limitted, for each of the said subsidies, and other fines, amerciaments, penalties and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, Wards, Wapentakes and other places to them alligned, or else by their saide writings indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of paiment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificat of and for the said subsidies, fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures, growing or set by reason of the causes of their lets, or of their not certifying as is aforesaide, or else in default thereof, processe to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer, against the said Commissioners, & of euery of them, not making certificate as is aforesaid, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the said Exchequer.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Martin called

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led Stamford Baron, in the ſuburbs of the Borough & Towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Wellands, which hereafter ſhall be contributorie to the paiment of theſe preſent Subſidies, granted to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors, ſhall bee aſſeſſed, rated and tared for the ſame, by ſuch Commiſſioners which ſhall be appointed for the taring, rating and ſelling of the Subſidie within the Countie of Lincolne, and ſhall be for this time contributorie, and pay the ſaid Subſidies to the Collector or Collectors which ſhall be aſſigned and appointed, for the leuying & gathering of the ſame, with the Aldermen and Burgeſſes of the ſaide Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that all and euery perſon and perſons hauing Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and other hereditaments chargeable to the paiment of the Subſidies granted to the Queenes Maieſtie by this Act, and alſo hauing ſpirituall poſſeſſions chargeable to her ſaid Maieſtie, by the grant made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing ſubſtance in goods and cattels chargeable by this ſaid Acte, that then if any of the ſaid perſon or perſons be hereafter charged, aſſeſſed and tared for the ſaid Mannors, Lands, and tenements, and ſpirituall poſſeſſions, and alſo aſſeſſed, charged and tared for his and their goods and cattels, that then he or they ſhall be onely charged by vertue of this Acte, for his & their ſaid Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and ſpirituall poſſeſſions, or onely for his ſaid goods, and cattels, the beſt thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maieſtie, and not to bee charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Act conteined to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this grant of ſubſidies or any thing therein conteined, in any wiſe extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Jerneſey & Garnſey, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements or other poſſeſſions, goods, cattels or other moueable ſubſtance, which the ſaid inhabitants or dwellers or any others in their vſe haue, within Ireland, Jerneſey, and Garneſey, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the ſaid inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maieſtie, for their attendance and doing ſeruice to our Soueraigne Ladie in Ireland, Jerneſey and Garneſey, or in any of them: any thing in this preſent Act to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, that this preſent act of ſubſidies, ne any thing therein contained, extend to any of the Engliſh inhabitants or reſiants in any of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland,

lande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or to any of them, of, for or concerning any Manors, Lands, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels, or other moueable substance, which the same English inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the saide Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the saide English inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance or doing seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the saide Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the saide taxing, leuying, gathering or paiment, but that the English inhabitants and reliants, and euery of them of the said Counties, Bishopricke & Townes, & euery of them, shalbe of and from the said Subsidies, and euery parcell thereof onely for their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Fees, Wages, goods and cattels, lying and being in the same Counties, Townes and Bishopricke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that al letters patents granted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble progenitors, to any Cities, Boroughs, or Townes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuiledges or exemptions from the burden and charge of any such grants of Subsidies, which be at this present time in force and vaileable, shall remaine good and effectuall to the saide Cities, Boroughs and Townes hereafter, according to the purports thereof, although the inhabitants of the same, and also the saide corporations, shall vpon the great and weightie considerations of the grant aboueaid, be for this grant charged and contributorie, in like maner, forme and sort, as other Cities, Boroughs and Townes, which be not in any wise priuiledged, but by this Act charged.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that no Orphant or Infant, within the age of xxi. yeeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, shall be charged to any paiment of this Subsidie, for his or her goods and cattels to him or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this Acte conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this Act, nor any thing therein conteined, shal extend to the goods or lands of any Colledge, Hall or Hostle within the Vniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, or any of

them, or to the goods or lands of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishop Wickham, or to the goods or lands of the Colledge of Eaton next Windsor, or to the lands, tenements, or reuenews onely assigned or appointed for the sustentation & liuing of the poore knyghts founded in the Castle or Colledge of Windsor by our late Soueraigne Lorde king Henrie the eight, or to any of the goods or cattels of the same knights or any of them, or to the goods or lands of any common free Grammar Schoole within the realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaister or Scholler, or any graduate resiant or remaining for studie without fraude or couine within any of the said Vniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, or suburbs of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants daily attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Almes men, or seruants belonging to any of the said Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostels, and dwelling and resiant within the said Vniuersities or either of them, or within either of the saide Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the suburbs of the same, without fraude or couine, or to the goods and lands of any Hospitall, Mealoudien, or spitle house, prepared and vsed for the sustentation & relife of poore people, Any thing in this Acte conteined to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the said graunt of subsidies or any thing therein conteined, do not in any wise extende or be preiudicial or hurtfull to any the inhabitants or resiants at this present time dwelling within the fiue portes corporate, or to any their members incorporate, or vnited to the same fiue portes, or to any of the same fiue portes, but that the inhabitants or resiants in the saide fiue ports corporate, and their members, be and shall be of and frō the said graunt & payment of ech of the said Subsidies, and euery part thereof, and only during their resiance there, and no longer, clearely discharged & acquited, any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present Acte had or made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the saide graunt of subsidies and foure Fifteenes and Tenths, do not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtful to the English inhabitants or resiants at this present time within the liberties of Romney marsh, of, or for any part of the saide summes graunted in this present parliament, of the saide English inhabitants nowe there resiants, or any of them to be tared, set, asked, leuyed or payed, but that the saide English inhabitants, and now resiants of Romney Marshe aforesaide, and euery of them be and shall be, of and from the saide grant and payment of the said Subsidies & foure Fifteenes and

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Tenthes, during their reſiancie there, & no longer, acquited and diſcharged, any matter or whatſoeuer thing in this preſent Act made to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided neuertheleſſe, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that if any alien or ſtranger borne, denizen or not denizen, & dwelling or inhabiting within this Realme of England, ſhal aſſigne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their child or children borne within this ſaide Realme of England, any his or their landes, tenements, goodes or cattels, to the intent thereby to defraude the Queenes Maieſtie of her ſaid Subſidies of or for the ſame, that then all and euery ſuch childe or children ſo being ſeiſed of any ſuch lands or tenements, or poſſeſſed of any ſuch goods or cattels, ſhall be charged and chargeable to and with the payment of double the ſaid Subſidies for the ſame landes, tenements, goods and cattels, at the ſaid rates and values as aliens and ſtrangers, denizens or not denizens are before limitted and appoynted to pay.

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An Acte for the Queenes

Maieſties moſt gratious generall and free Pardon.

THe Queenes moſt excellẽt Maieſtie, conſidering with her ſelfe how many waies her louing & obedient ſubiects from time to time, but eſpecially at this preſẽt haue declared & ſhewed their dutifull affection toward her Highnes: And vnderſtanding ỹ ſundry of them, haue throughỹ breach of her Highnes lawes and ſtatutes, fallen into many dangers, from which they cannot bee freed but by her Maieſties great mercy: And conſidering ỹ it doeth appertein vnto her Princely eſtate, ſomtimes to diſtribute mercy aſwell as iuſtice: Her Maieſtie (the rather truſting that therby her Subiects wil be moued from henceforth to endeuour themſelues to liue in obedience, and to obſerue her lawes) hath of her merciful inclination thought it conuenient, to grant and to giue vnto her ſaid louing ſubiects, a generall, frẽe, and beneficial pardon, and therby to deliuer her ſaid ſubiects from the dangers, penalties and forfeytures, wherewith they nowe ſtand charged or chargeable ſo many waies, and which they haue fallen into, by reaſon of their ſeuerall offences, diſobediences and contempts.

And therfore her Maiefty is wel pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the authority of this preſent Parliamẽt, in maner and forme folowing: That is to ſay, that al & euery the ſaid Subiects aſwel ſpirituall as temporall of this her Highnes Realme of England, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, and the towne of Barwike, the heires, ſucceſſours, executors & adminiſtrators of them & euery of them, & al and ſingular bodies in any maner of wiſe corporated, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hãlets and Tithings, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſor & ſucceſſors of euery of them, ſhalbe by the authority of this preſent Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires & ſucceſſors, & euery of them, of al maner of treaſons, felonies, offences, contempts, treſpaſſes, entries, wrongs, deceits, miſdemeanors, forfeitures, penalties, and ſummes of mony, paines of death, paines corporal & pecuniarie, and generally of al other things, cauſes, quarrels, ſuites, iudge-

ments and executions in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor foreprised, which may be or can be by her highnesse in any wise or by any means pardoned, before and vnto the first day of Nouember last past, in the 30. yeere of her most gracious reigne, to euery or any of her sayde subiectes, bodies corporated, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tithings, or any of them.

And also the Queenes highnesse is contented, that it be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that her said Pardon shall be as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of her sayde subiects, bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, in, for, & against all things which be not hereafter in this present Act, excepted and foreprised, as the same Pardon should haue bene, if all offences, contempts, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgements, executions, penalties, and al other things not hereafter in this act excepted and foreprised, had bene particularly, singularly, specially and plainely named, rehearsed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kinds, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite to haue beene put in and expressed in this present Act of free pardon: And that her said subiects nor any of them, nor the heires, executours or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayd bodies corporate, and other before named and rehearsed, nor any of them be, nor shall bee sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goods, chattels, landes or tenements, nor any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfeiture, trespasse, offence, or any other thing suffred, done or committed before the sayd first day of Nouember against her highnesse, her crowne, Dignitie, Prerogatiue, Lawes or Statutes, but only for such matters, causes and offences as be rehearsed, mentioned or in some wise touched in the exception of this present Act hereafter mentioned to be foreprised and excepted, and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, customes or vsages heretofore had, made or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And the Queenes highnesse of her bounteous liberalitie, by the auhoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth and freely giueth to euery of her said subiects, and to euery of the said bodies corporate and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goods, chattels, debts, fines, issues, profits, amerciaments, forfaitures and summes of mony by any of them forfaited, which to her highnes do or should belong or appertaine by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entrie, misdemeanor, matter, cause or quarel done or committed by them or any of them before the said first day of Nouember, which be not hereafter in this present Act foreprised and excepted.

And be it enacted neuerthelesse, that all graunts, thereof, or of any part thereof, made by any such as haue so forfaited the same, and are hereby restored as aforesaid: and all executions thereof or of any part thereof, had against any such after such forfaiture thereof

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committed or made, shalbe of such force and effect, as if no such forfaiture, thereof had bene had and made, & of no other: The same forfaiture, or any thing before in this Acte to the contrary notwithstanding. And that all and euery the Queenes said subiects, and all and singular bodies corporate and others before rehearsed, may by him or themselfe, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their Attourney or Attourneyes, according to the Lawes of this Realme plead and minister this present Act of free Pardon for his or their discharge, of and for euery thing that is by vertue of this present Act pardoned, discharged, giuen or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wise paying to any person or persons for writing or entry of the iudgements, or other cause concerning such plea, writing or entry, but onely xvi.d. to be payde to the Officer or Clarke that shall enter such plea, matter or iudgement for the parties discharged in that behalfe, any Lawe, Statute, Usage or custome to the contrary notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes Highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that her said free Pardon by the generall wordes, clauses & sentences before rehearsed, shall be reputed, deemed, adiudged, expounded, allowed and taken in all maner of Courts of her Highnes and els where, most beneficiall and auailable to all and singular her sayde Subiects, bodies corporate and others before rehearsed, & to euery of them in all things not in this present Act excepted or forepriſed, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delay whatsoeuer it shall be, to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heires or successors, or by her or any of their generall Attourney or Attourneys, or by any person or persons for her Highnes, or any of her heires or successors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that if any Officer or Clarke of any of her Highnes Courts commonly called the Kings Bench, Chancery & Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other Officer or Clarke of any other of her Highnesse Courtes within this Realme, at any time after the last day of this present Session of Parliament, make out or write out any maner of writs, Processe, Summons or other Precepts, whereby any of the sayde subiects, or any of the sayd bodies corporated, or others before rehearsed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrained, summoned or otherwise vexed, inquieted or grieued in his or their bodies, lands, tenementes, goods or chattels, or in any of them, for or because of any manner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Act of free Pardon: Or if any Shiriffe or Escheator, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bailife or other Officer whatsoeuer, by colour of his or their office or otherwise, after the said last day of this present Session of Parliament, doe leuie, receiue, take or withhold of or from any person or persons any thing

pardoned or discharged by this Acte, that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully conuicted or condemned by any sufficient testimonie, witnesse or proofe, shall yeeld and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so grieued or offended therby, his or their treble damages, besides all costs of the suit: and shal also forfeit and lose to the Queens Maiestie, for euery such default, x. li. And neuertheles, all and singular such writs, procesle and precepts so to bee made, for or vpō any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present act of free Pardon, shalbe vtterly voyd, and of none effect.

Except and alwayes forepriſed out of this generall and free Pardon, all and al maner of high Treasons and other offences committed or done by any person or persons against the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies traiterously had, committed or done by any person or persons against the Queenes Maiesties royall person.

And also excepted all and euery maner of treasons committed or done by any person or persons in the parts beyond ꝑ seas, or in any other place out of the Queens dominions: and also al suits, punishments, executions, pains of death, forfeitures & penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any the treasons and offences before rehearsed.

And also excepted and forepriſed out of this generall Pardon, all and euery offences of piracie and robberie done vpon the seas, and all and euery comforting, procuring or abetting of the same offences to be had, done or committed.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all maner of voluntarie murders, petit treasons, and wilfull poisonings done or committed by any person or persons, and all and euery the accessaries to ꝑ same offences or any of them, before the said offences committed.

And also excepted out of this Pardon al offences of forging & false counterfeiting of any the moneys currant within this Realme: And also all offences of vnlawful diminiſhing of any ꝑ said moneys by any way or means whatsoeuer, contrary to the lawes & statutes of this realme: And also all abbetting, aiding, comforting or procuring of the same offences or any of them to be committed or done.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, al Burglaries committed or done in any dwelling house or houses, and all accessaries to any the said Burglaries, before the same Burglarie committed.

And also excepted all robberies done vpon or to any man or womans person in the high way or els where: And all & ſingular accessaries of or to any such robberies before ꝑ said robbery committed.

And also excepted the felonious stealing of any Horse, Gelding or Mare, and all accessaries thereunto, before the same felonie committed, and all iudgements and executions of or for the same.

And also all wilfull burnings of any house or houses, or of any barne or barnes wherein any corne is.

And also excepted all Rapes and carnal rauiſhments of women.

And also all rauiſhments and wilful taking away or marying of any

any maide, widowe or damosell against her will, or without the assent or agreement of her parents, or of such as haue her in custodie.

And also all offences of ayding, comforting, procuring or abbetting of any such rauishment, wilfull taking or marying to be had, committed or done.

And also excepted all wilfull escapes of any traitors or felons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all persons nowe attainted or outlawed of or for any treason, petit treason, murder, wilfull poysoning, burglary or robberie, & all executions of & for the same.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Coniurations, witchcrafts, Sorceries, Inchantments and charmes, and all offences of procuring, abbetting or comforting of the same, and all persons now attainted or conuicted of any of the said offences.

And also excepted al & euery maner of taking from the Queenes Maiestie of any goods or chattels, or the Issues, Rents, reuenues or profites of any Manours, lands, tenements or hereditaments, which were of any Traytor, Murderer, Felon, Clarke or Clarkes attainted, or Fugitiues, or of any of them.

And also excepted all goods and chattels in any wise forfeyted to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any treason, petit treason, murder or felonie heretofore committed or done.

And also excepted al offences of, or in making, writing, printing or publishing, or in consenting to the making, writing, printing or publishing of any false, sedicious or slanderous booke or bookes, libell or libels in any wise against the present gouernement of this Realme in causes eyther Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, or against any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all intrusions and spoile of woods, had, made or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any of the manours, lands, tenements or other hereditamentes of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and all wastes done, committed or suffered vpon any such landes, tenements or hereditaments, and the wrongfull taking of any the rents, issues & profites of the same Mannours, Landes, Tenements or Hereditamentes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes, and also all Suites, Accountes and Impetitions of and for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all alienations of any lands, tenements or hereditaments without licence, and all fines, issues & profits that may or ought to grow or come to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any such alienation without licence.

And also excepted out of this Pardon all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes Wards lands, or in the Wards landes of any of the Queenes committees: And also al and euery fine and fines for the single or double value of the marriage or marriages of all and euery Ward or Wards at any time heretofore growen to the Queenes Maiestie or any her noble Progenitours.

And also excepted all concealed Wardes, and the landes of such

wardes concealed, and all Liueries and Primer seisons, and ouster le maynes that ought to be had, done or sued for the same.

And also excepted out of this generall Pardon, al rauishments and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Queenes wardes or wardes landes, or the rents and profites of the same at any time commen or growen to the Queenes hands, and euery thing that by reason of any warde or wardes landes, or for default of suing or prosecuting of any liuery, ought to come or be to the Queenes Maiestie, and which as yet is not discharged.

And also excepted all Fines that should or ought to growe to the Queenes Maiestie of any of her widowes that haue maried without licences.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, shall haue and enioy the full and whole interest, benefit, profite, and aduantage of all wardships, Liueries, Primer seisons and ouster le maines of landes, tenements, and hereditamentes, and all meane issues, rates and profites for not suing or not prosecuting of any Liuery or ouster le mayne, as if this Act had neuer bene had or made: And that all and euery person or persons which haue tendered or ought to sue his, her, or their, or any of their Liueries or ouster le maines, of or for any Mannours, Landes, Tenements or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his, her, and their Liuery and Liueries, and ouster le maines out of our said Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes hands, & shall answere and pay their fines, issues, and meane profits, for his or their mannours, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, in like maner and fourme to euery respect, as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, if this Act had neuer bene had ne made, notwithstanding the not finding of any office or offices, or any other matter whatsoeuer, Any article, thing or things in this present Act of generall Pardon compriſed and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also excepted and foreprised out of this Pardon, all such persons as the last day of this present Session of Parliament be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsey, or in thy prison of the Fleete, or otherwise restrained of liberty by expresse commaundement from the Queenes Maiesty, or by the commandement or direction of any her Maiesties priuie Counsel.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery such person and persons, which at any time sithence the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queens Dominions, for any offence of high Treason, petie Treason, or misprision of Treason.

And also excepted all such persons as be gone or fled out of this Realme, for any cause contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence.

And also excepted all such persons as haue obteyned and had licence

cence to depart this Realme for a certaine time, and now doe abide out of the realme without any lawfull excuſe, after the time of their licence expired.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery conceale-ments or wrongfull deteinements of any cuſtome or Subſidie due to the Queenes Maieſtie, and all accounts, impetitions and ſutes to be had, made or done for the ſame.

And alſo excepted all and ſingular accounts of all and euery Col-lector and Collectors of any Subſidie, Fifteene, cuſtome or other thing, & all accounts of euery other perſon whatſoeuer, that ought to be accomptant to the Queenes Highnes, or to her moſt noble Fa-ther King Henrie the eight, or to King Edward the ſixt, or Queene Mary, or to any of them, and the heires, executors and adminiſtra-tors of euery ſuch perſon that ought to account for all things tou-ching onely the ſame accounts: And all and ſingular arrerages of accounts, and all vntrue accounts, and all impetitions, charges of ſeiſures, ſutes, demands and executions, which can or may be had, of or for any account or accounts, or any arrerages of the ſame.

And alſo excepted al incloſures and decayes of houſes of huſban-dry, and the conuerting or keeping of any land from tillage to pa-ſture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the forme and effect of any Statute or Statutes heretofore made.

And alſo excepted and forepriſed out of this Pardon, all and all maner of deceits and offences of all and ſingular moneyers & other Officers, Wynters and workemen of or in any of the Queenes Ma-ieſties mints within this realme or any other her Dominions, and all impetitions and puniſhments for the ſame.

And alſo excepted all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Reliefe and Relieſes, Harriots, Rent, Seruices, Rent charges, Rent Seckes, and the arrerages of the ſame, not done or payd to the Queenes Highneſſe,

And alſo excepted all conditions and couenants, & all penalties, titles and forfeitures of condition or conditions, couenant or cou-enants accrued or growen to the Queenes Maieſty, by reaſon of the breach & not performing of any couenant or condition whatſoeuer.

And alſo excepted all ſummes of money granted to the Queenes Maieſtie, or any her Noble progenitors, by way or meane of Sub-ſidie, Fifteene, or otherwiſe.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all debts which were or be due to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, or to the moſt noble king of famous memory king Henry the ſeuenth, king Henry the eight, King Edward the ſixt, or to the late Queene Mary, or to any per-ſon or perſons to any of their vſes, by any condemnation, Recogni-ſance, Obligation or otherwiſe (other then ſuch debts as are due vpon any Obligation or Recognizance forfeited before the ſayd firſt day of Nouember for non apparance in any Court or other place whatſoeuer, or for not keeping of the peace, or not being of good be-

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hauiour) which debts growen or accrued vpon those causes, by this free Pardon be and shall be cleerely pardoned and discharged.

And also excepted and forreserued out of this Pardon, all and singular penalties, forfeitures and summes of money, being due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by reason of any Act, Statute, or Statutes: which forfeitures, penalties, and summes of money be conuerted into the nature of debt, by any Iudgement, order or decree, or by the agreement of the offender or offenders.

And also excepted all forfeitures of all leases, estates, or interests of any landes, tenements or hereditaments, holden of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, by Knights seruice, or in soccage in capite, or otherwise by Knights seruice, made in one or seuerall assurances or leases for any terme or terme of yeeres, whereupon the olde and accustomed rent or more is not reserued.

And also excepted all first fruites and Tenthes at this present being due to be paid to her Maiestie, by force of any Act or Statute, or otherwise.

And also excepted al penalties & forfeitures, whereof there is any good verdict in any sute giuen or past for the Queenes Maiestie.

And also excepted all forfeitures, and other penalties and profits nowe due, accrued or growen, or which shall or may bee due, accrue or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any offence, misdemeanor or contempt, or other act or deede, had, suffred, committed or done contrary to any act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawes of this Realme, & whereof or for the which any action, bill, plaint or information at any time within eight yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, hath bene or shall bee exhibited, commenced or sued in the Courts of Starre Chamber or Checker Chamber, or in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courts at Westminster, & now is, or the said last day of this session of Parliament shalbe there depending or remaining to be prosecuted, or wherof ỹ Queenes Highnes by her bill signed or otherwise heretofore hath made any gift or assignement to any person or persons.

And also excepted out of this generall and free Pardon, all offences, contempts, disorders, couens, fraudes, deceits, and misdemeanours whatsoeuer heretofore committed or done by any person or persons, & whereof or for the which any sute by bill, plaint or information at any time within foure yeeres next before the last day of this present Session of Parliament is or shall be commenced, or exhibited in the Court of Starre Chamber at Westminster, & shall be there the last day of this Session of Parliament depending.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, al offences of periurie, and subornation of witnesses, and offences of forging & counterfaiting of any false deedes, escripts or writings, and all procuring or counselling of any such counterfaiting or forging to be had or made.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery offence or offences touching or concerning the carying, sending or conueying

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ouer the ſeas out of this Realme, or any gold, ſiluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde or ſiluer, contrary to the lawes or ſtatutes of this Realme, vnleſſe it were or be by the Queenes licence.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of inceſt, adulterie, fornication, and ſimonie, and al miſdemeanors and diſturbances cõmitted & made in any Church or Chappell in the time of common prayer, preaching or diuine ſeruice there vſed, to the diſturbance thereof, and all outlawries and proſecutions vpon the ſame.

And alſo excepted all offences, whereby any perſon may bee charged with the penaltie and danger of Premunire, and of the which offence or offences any perſon ſtandeth already indicted, or otherwiſe lawfully condemned or conuicted.

And alſo excepted all offences whatſoeuer in ſhipping, or willingly aſſenting or cauſing to bee ſhipped to be tranſported into any the partes beyond the Seas out of the obedience of her Maieſtie, any gunnes, ordinance, ſhot, or gunne metall, contrary to the lawes or ſtatutes of this Realme, without licence of her Maieſtie in that behalfe firſt had and obteined, and alſo all ſuch as couetouſly or by conſent, or for the reliefe of ſuch as haue offended in or againſt any popular penall ſtatute, haue for the ſame offence or offences exhibited any action, bill, plaint, information or ſute againſt any ſuch offender or offenders.

And except alſo all offences in taking away, imbezeling or purloining any the Queenes Maieſties goods, money, cattels, iewels, armour, munition, ordinance, or other habilliments of warre.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon all extortions, couens, frauds, deceits, and other diſorders and miſdemeanors whatſoeuer heretofore committed or done by any vnderſherife, in or by reaſon or colour of his office: and all offences of aiding, comforting, aſſiſting or procuring of any vnderſherife, in contriuing, doing or executing any the ſame extortions, exactions, couens, fraudes, deceits, diſorders or miſdemeanors.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon all vnlawfull taking away and reſcuſſes made of any priſoner being in or vnder any arreſt or cuſtodie: and all the aiders, comforters and procurers thereof.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all iſſues, fines and amerciaments, being totted, leuied, or receiued by any ſherife, vnderſherife, bailif, miniſter or other officer, to or for the Queenes Maieſties vſe or behoofe, before ỹ laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament: and all iſſues, fines & amerciaments, afferred, tared, ſet, eſtreated or entred ſeuerally or particularly touching or cõcerning any one perſon or mo perſons ioyntly or ſeuerally, aboue the ſum of ſix pounds.

And alſo excepted all iſſues, fines and amerciaments returned, afferred, tared, ſet or entred ſeuerally or particularly in any Court of Record at Weſtminſter, at any time ſithence the feaſt of S. Michael Tharchangel laſt paſt.

And yet neuertheleſſe all other fines, as well fines pro licencia concordandi

concordandi, as others, ſet, tared, eſtreated or entred before the ſayde feaſt of Saint Michael the Archangel, & alſo all iſſues, & amerciaments, alwell reall as others, within any liberties or without, being ſet, tared, eſtreated or entred before the ſaid feaſt of Saint Michael the Archangel, and which ſeuerally or particularly extend to or vnder the ſumme of fiue pounds and not aboue, whether they be eſtreated or not eſtreated, or whether they bee turned into debt or not turned into debt, and not being totted leuied or receiued by any Sherife, vnder Sherife, miniſter or other Officer vnto or for the Queenes Maieſties vſe or behooſe, before the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall bee freely, cleerely and plainely pardoned and diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſors for euer, by force of this preſent Act of free Pardon.

And yet neuertheleſſe, all eſtreates of ſuch fines, iſſues & amerciaments, as be nowe pardoned by this Act, and which be alreadie eſtreated forth of the Court of Exchequer, and bee remaining in the hands of the Shirife, vnder Sherife or Bailife for collecting of the ſame fines, iſſues and amerciaments, ſhall vpon the returne of the ſame eſtreates be orderly charged and deliuered by ſcrowes into the office of the Pipe in the Court of Exchequer, as heretofore hath bin accuſtomed, to the intent that thereupon order may be taken that her Maieſtie may be the more truely anſwered of all ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments not by this Act pardoned, and which any Sherife, vnder Sherife, Baylife or other Officer or miniſter hath receiued or ought to anſwere by force or colour of any ſuch eſtreate, proceſſe or precept to him or them made for the leuying thereof: And yet that notwithſtanding, all and euery Sherife & Sheriſes, and other accomptant vpon his or their petition or petitions to be made for the allowance of any ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments as by this Act is pardoned, ſhall haue all and euery ſuch his and their petition allowed in his and their account and accounts, without paying any fee or reward to any Officer, Clarke or other miniſter, for the making, entring or allowing of any ſuch petition or petitions, any vſage or cuſtome to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon, all goods, cattels, debts, actions & ſutes already forfaited, or whereof any right or title is accrued or growen to the Queenes Maieſtie by reaſon of any outlawrie, and whereof the Queenes Maieſtie by her Highnes letters patents hath before the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament made any graunt, couenant or promiſe to any perſon or perſons.

And alſo excepted out of this Pardon all ſuch perſons, which haue committed or done any offence or offences contrary to the tenour or effect of the ſtatute made in the 27. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, entituled, An Act againſt Jeſuites, Seminarie prieſts, and other ſuch diſobedient perſons, or of any part thereof: and all outlawries, proceedings, iudgements and executions vpon the ſame offences or any of them.

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And excepted also all persons which haue committed or done any offence, either contrary to the statute made in the first yeere of her Maiesties raigne, entituled, An Act for the vniformitie of common prayer & seruice in the Church, & the administration of the Sacramẽts or any part therof, or contrary to the statute made in ỹ 23. yere of her Maiesties raigne, entituled, An Act to retaine the Queenes Maiesties subiects in their due obedience, or of any part therof: And all outlawries, proceedings, & Iudgements, and executions vpon the same offences or any of them, for such and so long time as they shall continue disobedient or wilfully obstinate in any the same offences. And yet neuertheless whensoeuer the same persons, or any of them shall willingly submit themselues in their due obedience to her Maiestie, and will come to the Church to heare diuine seruice, and willingly refuse the said wilful obstinacie, and conforme themselues to the sayde causes of religion and doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie and due obedience to her Maiestie, according as by the Lawes and statutes of this Realme they ought to doe: that then and from thencefoorth all and euery such person and persons, so submitting and yeelding themselues in their due obedience towards her Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall forthwith be receiued and enabled by force of this Act, to haue and enioy the full benefite of this generall Pardon, as largely and fully in all respects, as any other of her Maiesties good subiects haue or ought to enioy by vertue of this Act of generall Pardon.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all such persons that bee and remaine still attainted or condemned, and not already pardoned, of and for any rebellion, or leuying of warre within this Realme, or in any other the Queenes Dominions.

And also excepted all false forging, or counterfaicing of any Commission or Commissions to enquire of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, and also all false forging and counterfaiting of any vntrue certificat or returne of any Commission or Commissions, obtained or gotten forth of any Court or Courts, to enquire of any lands, tenements, or other things whatsoeuer: And all and all maner falsifying of any particular, or of any Bill or Bils signed by her Maiestie, after the engrolling thereof, and before the passing of the same vnto the great Seale.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that it shall and may be lawful to all and euery Clarke & other Officers of the Queenes courts, to award and make writs of Capias vtlagat. at ỹ sute of the partie plaintife against such persons outlawed as be pardoned by this Act, to the intent to compell the defendant and defendants to make answere to the plaintife or plaintifes at whose sute he or they were outlawed, & that euery person outlawed, shall sue a writte of Scire facias against the partie or parties at whose sute he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe

behalfe ſhalbe allowed to him or them that ſo is outlawed.

And except alſo out of this Pardon, all offences committed or done by any perſon or perſons in new buildings, deuiding of Tenements, taking of Inmates, newe incloſures, and other Nuſaunces in any place within the Citie of London and ſuburbes of the ſame, or within three miles of the ſaide Citie, contrary to the lawe, or any her Maieſties Proclamations in that behalfe made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that this Acte of generall Pardon ſhall not in any wiſe extend to any perſon outlawed vpon any Writ of Capias ad ſatisfaciendum, vntil ſuch time as the perſon ſo outlawed ſhall ſatiſfie or otherwiſe agree with the partie at whoſe ſute the ſame perſon was ſo outlawed or condemned.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted, that neither this Act of generall Pardon, nor any thing therein conteined, ſhall in any wiſe extend to any perſon, that is or ſhalbe put to execution, at any time before ten dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament. Or to pardon or diſcharge any offence or miſdemeanor committed or done by any Purueiour or other Taker whatſoeuer, in taking or purueying of any prouiſion whatſoeuer for the Queenes Maieſties houſeholde, or otherwiſe to the Queenes Highneſſe behoofe, or by pretence or colour thereof, contrary vnto or againſt any the Lawes or Statutes in that behalfe made or ordeined.

Prouided alſo, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforeſaid, that neither this Act, nor any thing therein conteined ſhall extend to pardon or diſcharge any offence committed or done by any Commiſſioner, Captaine or other perſon whatſoeuer, in the corrupt taking or hauing of any money or other gift or reward for the changing, releaſing, or diſcharging of any ſouldier preſt or appoynted to ſerue her Maieſtie in the defence of the Realme or otherwiſe: or any offence committed or done by any againſt the Eccleſiaſticall eſtate or gouernment eſtabliſhed in this Realme, or hereſie or any ſchiſme in religion whatſoeuer.

God ſaue the Queene.

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